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ECV-197 DRYDEN
D. Cabezas '18

NEW BEGINNINGS PART 1

This episode takes place between seasons one and two of The Orville.

HEY.

HEY.

REMEMBER WHEN I SAID YOU AND I TOGETHER JEOPARDIZES YOUR COMMAND, JEOPARDIZES THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THIS SHIP, AND IT JEOPARDIZES OUR FRIENDSHIP?

YEAH...

I DON'T CARE.

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

I HATE DREAMS.

MAGNETAR DESIGNATED AXP 1E 1048-59, A NEUTRON STAR WITH A VERY POWERFUL MAGNETIC FIELD.

ECV-197 ORVILLE

"ISAAC, HOW MUCH LONGER?"

I WOULD ESTIMATE, CAPTAIN, THAT MY INVESTIGATION OF THE MAGNETAR WILL TAKE ANOTHER FORTY-EIGHT POINT NINE SEVEN HOURS--

OH MY GOD, TWO MORE DAYS OF THIS?

LIEUTENANT, THE SPECIFIC PROPERTIES OF MAGNETAR AXP 1E 1048-59 ARE QUITE UNUSUAL.

YOU KNOW HOW BORING THIS MAGNETAR IS? THEY DIDN'T EVEN NAME IT.

ED, THE TACTICAL CONFERENCE ON OUTPOST 23 IS TOMORROW--

I KNOW.

YOU AND GORDON ARE SCHEDULED TO BRIEF THEM FIRST THING--

THANKS, I GOT IT.

ALARA, PREP A SHUTTLE. GORDON, PACK A BAG.

YES!

COMMANDER, COMPLETE THE SCANS OF THE MAGNETAR TO ISAAC'S SATISFACTION, AND THEN PICK US UP AT OUTPOST 23.

YES, SIR.

"YOU KNOW, ED, REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE..."

...FILLING THEM IN ON OUR EXPERIENCE ON THE KRILL SHIP, LOVE PUBLIC SPEAKING.

YOU HATE PUBLIC SPEAKING.

OKAY, YEAH, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS I HATE MAGNETARS.

AND SPEAKING OF "HATE"... UH... WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU AND KELLY?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, YOU GOTTA ADMIT, THINGS ARE A LITTLE TENSE ON THE BRIDGE SINCE SHE BROKE UP WITH YOU. *

*WHICH HAPPENED AT THE END OF THE FIRST SEASON EPISODE, "MAD IDOLATRY", A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THIS ADVENTURE.

SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S TENSE. I'M OVER IT.

WHATEVER YOU SAY.

WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM.

I BELIEVE YOU.

I'M GETTING A DISTRESS CALL.

I SAID I'M FINE--

NO, A REAL DISTRESS CALL, JUST UP AHEAD.

OH.

"AN OLD SHIP'S COMMUNICATIONS BUOY. GORDON, SEE IF YOU CAN INTERFACE WITH IT."

BCV BURTON
Bv2

IT'S FROM THE BATTLESHIP *BURTON*, OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

THE *BURTON*...

YOU'VE HEARD OF IT?

A BATTLE SHIP LOST IN THE WAR WITH THE TZEL.

EW, THOSE CATERPILLAR THINGS. YUCK.

IT WAS A BLOODY CONFLICT, COST THOUSANDS OF LIVES... YOU TOOK HISTORY, DIDN'T YOU?

I *TOOK* HISTORY, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I READ ANYTHING.

THE BUOY'S LOG SAYS THE SHIP WAS DAMAGED IN A BATTLE IN A STAR SYSTEM THREE LIGHT YEARS AWAY.

IT'S UNCHARTED.

SHOULD WE GO?

REGULATIONS. DISTRESS CALLS HAVE TO BE ANSWERED, EVEN ONES THAT ARE A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

RAISE *ORVILLE*, WE SHOULD KEEP THEM APPRISED.

SHUTTLE TO *ORVILLE*, COME IN. SHUTTLE TO *ORVILLE*, DO YOU READ?

THEY'RE NOT READING US. PROBABLY TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE FROM THE MAGNETAR.

STUPID MAGNETAR.

STOP SAYING "MAGNETAR."

LET'S GO.

"THIS HAS GOT TO BE BETTER THAN A CONFERENCE."

"YOU JUST SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING."

I LIED.

"EVER SINCE I PUT AN END TO IT, HE'S BEEN REALLY COLD..."

IT'S NO FUN TO WORK HERE ANYMORE.

OH, ARE WE HERE TO HAVE FUN? NOBODY TOLD ME.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...

LOOK, HE'S HURT, BUT THE LAST THING HE WANTS IS FOR YOU TO LEAVE. THINGS WILL GET EASIER.

PROBABLY WHEN ONE OR BOTH OF YOU FIND OTHER RELATIONSHIPS.

I HOPE HE FINDS HIS FIRST.

I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING. I DID HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.

OH, SORRY, I WAS JUST LEAVING.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD STAY, COMMANDER.

COME IN. WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT?

I WISH TO ENROLL TOPA IN SCHOOL, BUT THE TEACHER INFORMS ME THAT HE DOES NOT MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENT.

BORTUS, TOPA IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS OLD. THE SCHOOL DOESN'T ACCEPT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF THREE.

HE IS QUITE OLD ENOUGH FOR SCHOOLING. AND KLYDEN HAS BEEN COMPLAINING THAT HE CANNOT SPEND HIS DAY ENTERTAINING HIM.

I'M SORRY, *BUT* THERE'S NOTHING--

WHO THE HELL IS THAT?!

THAT IS TOPA.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT, HE'S ONLY EIGHT MONTHS OLD, BUT HE'S AS DEVELOPED AS A HUMAN BOY OF SEVEN.

THIS WOULD BE NO SURPRISE IF YOU HAD STUDIED MOCLAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF SURVIVAL ON MOCLUS, EVOLUTION FAVORED INFANTS WHO MATURED QUICKLY.

HE IS MORE THAN DEVELOPED ENOUGH TO ATTEND YOUR SCHOOL.

I'M NOT ARGUING.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL TALK TO THE TEACHER.

THANK YOU, COMMANDER.

I WISH ED WAS HERE TO SEE THIS...

I WISH KELLY WAS HERE TO SEE THIS...

"IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME BATTLE."

BCV - CON

GOING TO BE HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE *BURTON* IS IN ALL THIS MESS.

THAT PLANET'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE SYSTEM WITH AN OXYGEN ATMOSPHERE. IF ANYONE SURVIVED, THAT'S WHERE THEY'D HAVE GONE.

ALL THIS JUNK IS INTERFERING WITH OUR SCANS.

TAKE US CLOSER.

"NOT A LOT OF LIFE DOWN THERE, ED."

LOOKS LIKE THE SURFACE WAS DECIMATED IN SOME KIND OF GLOBAL CATASTROPHE.

PICKING UP AN ENERGY SURGE--

KRRRAK

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW BUT IT KNOCKED OUT OUR ENGINES. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE SHIELDS, WE'D BE DUST.

DO WE HAVE ANYTHING?

MANEUVERING THRUSTERS, THAT'S IT!

WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO LAND NEAR WHOEVER FIRED AT US...

"HOW ABOUT WE JUST WORRY ABOUT *LANDING!*"

YOU TURNED RIGHT TOWARD THAT PLATEAU.

I'M GOING TO SKIM OFF IT. GOTTA SLOW US DOWN.

DID WE SLOW DOWN ENOUGH?

NOT GONNA MATTER.

ECV-197-1

NICE LANDING.

THANKS.

ECV-197-1

I SET THE DISTRESS BEACON, THOUGH WITH ALL THAT DEBRIS UP THERE, *ORVILLE* WILL HAVE TO BE PRETTY CLOSE TO READ IT.

OUTPOST 23 WILL REPORT US MISSING. THEY'LL THEN FOLLOW THE SAME TRAIL THAT WE DID.

WHOEVER FIRED AT US IS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS AWAY. COME ON.

OR MAYBE WE JUST HANG OUT HERE. YOU JUST SAID *ORVILLE* WILL FIND US.

AND WHEN THEY DO, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHOEVER FIRED ON US, DOESN'T FIRE ON THEM.

OH, ALL RIGHT.

GOD, I'D NEVER THOUGHT I'D MISS THE MAGNETAR.

"WHY DON'T WE ALL DRAW A PICTURE OF THE STAR?"

THE MAGNETAR

SORRY TO INTERRUPT...

NO PROBLEM, COMMANDER.

CALL ME KELLY.

WELL, THEN CALL ME CASSIUS.

NICE TO MEET YOU. CAN I HAVE A WORD?

YOU'RE BEING COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE!

I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE TELLING ME MY JOB! HE'S TOO YOUNG!

THE MAGNETAR

HIS DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT--

NOW YOU'RE GIVING ME A MOCLAN BIOLOGY LESSON?

LOOK--

NO, YOU LOOK!

THESE KIDS ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY, AND PUTTING HIM IN SCHOOL TOO EARLY COULD END UP DOING HIM MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

THE PARENTS FEEL HE'S READY.

PARENTS AREN'T ALWAYS RIGHT!

SOMETIMES THEY JUST WANT THEIR KID OUT OF THE HOUSE AND RATIONALIZE WHY IT'S A GOOD THING.

LOOK, I'M THROUGH ARGUING. INCLUDE TOPA IN THE CLASS.

I'LL FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION.

OOOH, BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUPER SCARY.

BOY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS PLACE?

SOME KIND OF SHOCKWAVE SWEPT THROUGH HERE, FOLLOWED BY A FIRESTORM. STILL TRACES OF RADIOACTIVITY.

SOME KIND OF PRIMITIVE NUCLEAR WAR?

POSSIBLY. BUT THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THESE BUILDINGS ARE TOO PRIMITIVE.

PROBABLY A POORER, LESS DEVELOPED SOCIETY ON THIS PLANET, HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS COMING.

ED, I'M PICKING UP A LOT OF LIFE FORMS.

...JUST OVER THAT RIDGE.

WHICH IS WHERE I'M READING THE POWER SOURCE OF THE WEAPON THAT SHOT US DOWN. LET'S GO.

I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED THESE.

YEAH, PROBABLY NOT.

THERE'S ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED OF THEM. NO TECHNOLOGY TO SPEAK OF, AND NO WATER SOURCE...

...YET I'M STILL PICKING UP THAT POWER READING.

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT THESE CREATURES AT THIS LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY COULD'VE SHOT US DOWN.

OR THAT THEY COULD SURVIVE HERE WITHOUT WATER.

WHAT DO WE DO?

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST ASK THEM.

WHAT?

OH.

GREETINGS.
I AM THOZ.

GREETINGS. I'M...
ED, AND THIS IS
GORDON.

HELLO.

WE HAVE
NOT SEEN YOUR
KIND BEFORE.
WHAT KIND OF
CHOG ARE
YOU?

WE'RE NOT
"CHOGS."
WE'RE CALLED
HUMANS.

WELL, WE WELCOME
YOU. EVEN THIS LONG
AFTER THE CALAMITY, THE
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD
ARE FINDING THEIR WAY
HERE. COME!

GRAYSON TO ISAAC, REPORT PROGRESS.

I WILL BE FINISHED IN EIGHT HOURS, FIFTY SEVEN MINUTES.

VERY WELL, GRAYSON OUT.

HE'S GOING TO WRITE A REALLY LONG REPORT.

I HOPE SOMEONE BESIDES HIM *READS* IT.

BING

COME.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT. COMMANDER, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

A MINUTE.

I'LL STEP OUT.

NO, IT'S OKAY, STAY, IT'LL JUST TAKE A SECOND.

I JUST WANTED TO APOLOGIZE. YOU WERE RIGHT.

REALLY?

YEAH, TOPA DID FINE IN HIS FIRST CLASS. I GUESS I COULD'VE USED A LECTURE ON MOCLAN BIOLOGY.

SO... NO COMPLAINTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

NO COMPLAINTS. I'LL LET YOU GET BACK TO WORK.

HE'S CUTE.

YOU SHOULD ASK HIM OUT.

I WAS THINKING HE'S MORE YOUR TYPE.

NO THANKS. I'D BE CRAZY TO DATE SOMEONE ABOARD THIS SHIP.

REALLY?

THAT'S NOT VERY REALISTIC.

WHY NOT?

WELL, YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE ON THIS SHIP FOR A FEW YEARS, RIGHT?

IF ALL GOES WELL...

SO... YOUR PLAN IS TO STAY CELIBATE THAT WHOLE TIME?

THEY'RE PRETTY FRIENDLY FOR PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO BLOW US OUT OF THE SKY.

NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE.

HERE, IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE EVENING MEAL.

THOZ, YOU MENTIONED THE "CALAMITY..."

YES. WHERE WE'RE FROM, WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT. WAS IT A WAR?

THE CALAMITY THAT BROUGHT US ALL HERE.

"WAR?" I DO NOT KNOW THAT WORD.

ARE ALL HUMANS AS TALL AS YOU?

NO, ED'S THE TALLEST, I'M THE SECOND TALLEST.

IT IS THE MEAL SERVICE, COME.

GONGGG

THAT'S SOME DINNER BELL...

IT'S LIKE OUR OWN MARCH OF THE PENGUINS.

WE'RE HEADED RIGHT TOWARD THE POWER SOURCE.

MAYBE THEY HAVE A REALLY HIGH-TECH KITCHEN.

I THINK WE KNOW WHAT SHOT US DOWN...

IT'S AN OLD PARTICLE BEAM CANNON...

SO WE GOT ONE ANSWER, AND A MILLION MORE QUESTIONS.

BOV BURTON

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEW BEGINNINGS PART 2

"ED, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON..."

BCV BARTON

THE ENERGY READING IS FROM THE QUANTUM REACTOR...

BCV

COME, THIS IS OUR FOOD PLACE.

THEY MUST HAVE USED IT TO FIRE THE CANNON.

THE PENGUINS SHOT US DOWN?

I DON'T KNOW, THEY'RE SO PRIMITIVE. WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT MORE...

I'VE NEVER BEEN ON ONE OF THESE OLD BATTLESHIPS.

REALLY? THERE'S ONE IN THE FLEET MUSEUM.

YEAH, NOT REALLY A "MUSEUM" GUY...

YOU WERE SAYING THEY WERE TOO PRIMITIVE...?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

THEY'VE TURNED THIS WHOLE SHIP INTO A GLORIFIED DRIVE-THRU.

BIG MAC, LARGE FRIES, DIET COKE.

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO EAT ANYTHING IN THE WORLD, AND YOU CHOOSE... MUD?

MAYBE THEY CAN'T CHOOSE ANYTHING... EVERYTHING'S ON A LOW POWER LEVEL.

IF IT'S PRESET, IT DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY USE OF THE COMPUTER.

MAYBE WE CAN SNOOP AROUND A LITTLE. COME ON.

MY FRIENDS, YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE, IT'S FORBIDDEN.

COME, JOIN US TO EAT AND SING IN PRAISE.

OH, SORRY...

WHY IS IT FORBIDDEN, THOZ?

IT JUST IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN. COME.

THINK THOZ KNEW WHAT WE WERE UP TO--?

I DON'T KNOW. WE HAVE TO FIND OUT MORE, BEFORE THE *ORVILLE* COMES LOOKING FOR US.

I HOPE IT'S SOON. THIS FOOD IS TERRIBLE.

BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?

IT IS...

YOU'RE UP LATE...

I LIKE THE QUIET. MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

LOOK, CASSIUS, YOU'RE A NICE GUY, BUT MY LIFE IS REALLY COMPLICATED. IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, MY COMMANDING OFFICER IS ALSO MY EX-HUSBAND, BUT OF COURSE YOU KNEW THAT, EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT, SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND I HAVE TO TREAD REALLY CAREFULLY, AND SOMETIMES I HAVE TO PUT MY PERSONAL LIFE ON HOLD...

...THAT'S NOT TO SAY I'M NOT INTERESTED, I AM, YOU'RE SUCH A NICE GUY... I KNOW, I SAID THAT ALREADY, BUT I REALLY MEAN IT, AND IF THINGS WERE DIFFERENT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHERE THIS TAKES US...

...BUT I JUST DON'T THINK IT'D BE GOOD FOR EITHER ONE OF US. I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.

UH... OKAY, SINCE OUR RELATIONSHIP IS ALREADY A HUGE DISASTER, THERE'S NO HARM IN ME SITTING HERE AND LOOKING AT THE STAR WITH YOU, RIGHT?

YEAH, SURE...

THOSE DINNER SONGS WEREN'T BAD... I CAN'T GET THEM OUT OF MY HEAD.

SHHH...

LOOKS LIKE THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED AFTER DARK.

WE'VE GOT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY IN.

I NOTICED A HULL BREACH ON THE OTHER SIDE...

I DID TOO, JUST STARBOARD OF THE ENGINE ROOM.

NO FOOTPRINTS IN THE DUST. DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S BEEN IN HERE FOR A WHILE.

BUT THEY HAD TO, TO SHOOT THE CANNON, RIGHT?

ONE WOULD THINK.

THIS IS WEIRD.

CHECK WEAPONS CONTROL, I'LL LOOK AT THE REACTOR.

THE REACTOR IS ONLY FEEDING TWO SYSTEMS, THE FOOD SYNTHESIZER AND THE CANNON. EVERYTHING ELSE HAS BEEN CUT OFF.

BUT HOW DID THEY SHOOT US DOWN WITH A CENTURY-OLD GUN ON LOW POWER?

ED... THEY DIDN'T SHOOT US DOWN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AUTO SCANNING

THE TARGETING SCANNER IS SET FOR AUTOMATIC. IT SHOOTS DOWN ANYTHING THAT GETS WITHIN A THOUSAND KILOMETERS OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

AND THE CANNON'S BATTERY IS AT FIVE HUNDRED PERCENT CAPACITY, IT MUST BE STORING ENERGY A LITTLE AT A TIME.

IT OPERATES AT FULL POWER. THEY MUST NOT USE IT THAT OFTEN.

ALL THAT DEBRIS IN ORBIT...THE CANNON IS MEANT TO PROTECT THE CHOGS FROM IT.

AND IT THOUGHT OUR SHUTTLE WAS JUST SOME DEBRIS.

STILL, THE CHOGS COULDN'T HAVE SET THIS UP.

LET'S GO TO THE BRIDGE, MAYBE THERE'S A SHIP'S LOG OR SOMETHING...

SHOULDN'T WE SHUT IT DOWN BEFORE IT MAKES THE SAME MISTAKE ABOUT *ORVILLE*?

YOU WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE A BIG PIECE OF REAL DEBRIS DOESN'T DECIDE TO FALL TONIGHT? I DON'T.

BESIDES, ISAAC ISN'T DUE TO FINISH HIS MAGNETAR STUDY FOR A FEW MORE HOURS.

COMMANDER, I HAVE FINISHED MY STUDY OF THE MAGNETAR.

A FEW HOURS EARLY.

I AM VERY EFFICIENT.

OR DID YOU SET A GOAL THAT YOU KNEW YOU'D BEAT?

NEGATIVE, LIEUTENANT. MY INITIAL ESTIMATE WAS BASED ON THE LIMITATIONS OF UNION EQUIPMENT WHICH I COMPENSATED FOR BY SIMULTANEOUSLY UPGRADING THE SCANNER ARRAY.

VERY EFFICIENT. HELM, TAKE US OUT OF ORBIT AND SET COURSE FOR OUTPOST 23.

HEY, BORTUS, HOW'S TOPA LIKING SCHOOL?

HE ENJOYS IT, BUT KLYDEN IS DISATISFIED.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM NOW?

THE TEACHER DOES NOT INCLUDE COMBAT TRAINING IN THE CURRICULUM.

GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO GET HIM A TUTOR.

THAT IS OUR INTENTION.

COMMANDER, WE'VE CLEARED THE INTERFERENCE AND ARE RECEIVING A MESSAGE FROM OUTPOST 23...

...THE CAPTAIN AND GORDON NEVER ARRIVED.

NO SIGN OF THEM? NO DISTRESS CALL?

NO, SIR.

PREPARE TO CONDUCT A SEARCH. WE'RE GOING TO RETRACE THEIR STEPS.

HELM, TAKE US TO QUANTUM. MATCH THE SHUTTLE'S COURSE EXACTLY.

NO POWER HERE AT ALL.

I'M GOING TO TRY TO TRANSFER SOME OF MY COMSCANNER'S TO THIS PANEL.

THERE'S A MESSAGE...

HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS IS WHERE THE MESSAGE WOULD BE?

IT'S WHERE I WOULD PUT IT.

I'M ENSIGN HODGES... RELIEF NAVIGATOR... OUR TASK FORCE WAS SUCKERED INTO THIS UNCHARTED SYSTEM WITH A FALSE DISTRESS SIGNAL.

THE BATTLE'S OVER... BURTON'S THE ONLY SHIP LEFT, SO WE WON, I GUESS, AND WE CRASHED ON THE PLANET...

...ALL THE SENIOR OFFICERS KILLED... I'M THE MOST SENIOR... I'M IN COMMAND.

OUR CRASH... KILLED THE PLANET..

...THERE WAS A LEAK IN THE QUANTUM REACTOR... IT POISONED THE BIOSPHERE.

ALL PLANT AND MOST OF THE ANIMAL LIFE IS DYING.

BUT THESE FUNNY LITTLE ANIMALS... CAME AND OFFERED HELP.

THEY WANT TO HELP US. THEY DON'T KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO DIE BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DID.

ME AND THE CREW, THERE'S ABOUT TWENTY OF US, ARE NOT GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO, BUT WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING.

WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, THEY DIDN'T ASK TO BE A PART OF THIS.

HODGES OUT.

THEY REPAIRED THE REACTOR AND HOOKED IT UP TO THE FOOD SYNTHESIZER, MADE THAT PARTICLE CANNON TO PROTECT THE CHOGS...

...AND IT'S ALL FUNCTIONED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS. KID DID GOOD WORK.

WE CAN'T BE THE REASON IT ALL FALLS APART. COME ON.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ORVILLE IS GOING TO FIND THE SAME TRAIL OF BREADCRUMBS THAT LED US HERE. WHICH MEANS IT'LL BE A TARGET FOR THE PARTICLE CANNON.

YEAH, BUT THE *ORVILLE* CAN TAKE A PUNCH BETTER THAN THE SHUTTLE.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

IF *ORVILLE* FIRES BACK, ONE SHOT COULD BE ENOUGH TO BLOW THE REACTOR, AND KILL EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING IN A ONE KILOMETER RADIUS.

OH, YEAH, THAT WOULDN'T BE GOOD.

HODGES AND HIS CREW DID THEIR BEST TO PROTECT THE CHOGS. WE OWE IT TO ALL OF THEM TO TRY TO DO THE SAME.

I'M GOING TO SET MY COMSCANNER TO SEND OUT A REGULAR MESSAGE TO *ORVILLE* TO RAISE THEIR DEFLECTOR SCREENS AND HOLD THEIR FIRE. THAT'LL BUY US A LITTLE TIME ONCE THEY'RE IN ORBIT.

ED...

NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE FOOD PLACE.

THOZ, I CAN EXPLAIN...

TAKE THEM!

OW! GUYS, TAKE IT EASY... WE'RE ALL PALS...

THOZ, PLEASE, WE CAN HELP-- AHHH!

ISAAC, ANYTHING?

THE DISTRESS SIGNAL LT. KITAN RECEIVED IS COMING FROM THIS GENERAL VICINITY.
AS FAINT AS IT IS, IS IT LIKELY THAT ED AND GORDON PICKED IT UP?
IT WOULD SEEM PROBABLE.
I AM DETECTING AN OBJECT, THIRTY-TWO DEGREES TO STARBOARD.
LET'S SEE IT.
ON SCREEN.
UNION SHIP COMMUNICATIONS BUOY. AN OLD ONE.
IT BELONGS TO THE BCV *BURTON*, A UNION VESSEL LOST IN THE WAR WITH THE TZEL.
THAT WAS LIKE A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
ISAAC, SEE IF YOU CAN INTERFACE WITH THE BUOY.
AYE, SIR.
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO FIND?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT'S WHAT ED WOULD'VE DONE.

"ED?"

"ED? YOU OKAY..."

OH BOY...

HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN OUT?

I DON'T KNOW, THEY TOOK OUR COMSCANNERS AND I'M NOT WEARING A WATCH.

DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO SET THAT SIGNAL?

NO...

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE FOOD PLACE?

THOZ, I NEED THE LITTLE BOXES YOU TOOK FROM US...

YOU WILL FIRST ANSWER MY QUESTION.

WE WERE INSIDE BECAUSE THE FOOD PLACE... WAS BUILT BY MY PEOPLE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOUR PEOPLE?"

WE COME FROM SOMEPLACE ELSE. THOZ, DO YOU KNOW THAT AT ONE TIME THIS WORLD WAS VERY DIFFERENT?

I HAVE HEARD MANY STORIES, YES.

WELL, IT WAS THE FOOD PLACE THAT CHANGED IT, THAT KILLED IT.

OH BOY... YOU'RE GONNA GET HIM MADDER.

HOW COULD IT DO THAT?

THE FOOD PLACE IS A SHIP... OR WAS A SHIP... THAT FLIES. WHEN IT CRASHED, IT LEAKED A POISON THAT KILLED THE LIFE ON YOUR PLANET.

I'M NOT WITH HIM. WE BARELY KNOW EACH OTHER.

WHAT YOU SAY IS RIDICULOUS. THE FOOD PLACE IS A BUILDING. IT PROTECTS US AND FEEDS US.

YES, BUT... WAIT, THOZ, YOU SAID YOU'VE HEARD STORIES ABOUT THE WORLD AS IT WAS. FROM WHO?

FROM THE ELDERS WHO LIVED DURING THAT TIME.

ARE ANY OF THEM STILL ALIVE?
THERE IS ONE.
TAKE US TO HIM. HE MIGHT HELP ME PROVE WHAT I'M SAYING. ALL OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT.
VERY WELL.
"ISAAC, SCAN FOR THE SHUTTLE."
I CANNOT SCAN THE PLANET'S SURFACE THROUGH THE DEBRIS FIELD, HOWEVER I AM PICKING UP AN ION TRAIL THAT COULD HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY THE SHUTTLE'S ENGINES.
ALARA...
I'VE HAILED THEM, NO RESPONSE.

WE'LL NEED TO SCAN THE PLANET. HELM, TAKE US INTO A LOW ORBIT.

I AM ROP. I AM ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN YEARS OLD.

I JUST WANT TO SAY YOU LOOK GREAT. DO YOU EAT YOGURT, IS THAT YOUR THING?

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT OF ME?

ROP, DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU CAME TO LIVE HERE? WHEN THE WORLD STARTED TO CHANGE?

YES. I WAS VERY YOUNG. MUCH OF MY FAMILY DIED THEN.

DO YOU REMEMBER MEN LIKE ME WHO LIVED IN THE FOOD PLACE?

YES... IT HAS BEEN SO LONG I'D FORGOTTEN THEM... BUT YES...

ONE NAMED HODGES.

HODGES. HE WANTED TO HELP US. HE BROUGHT US ALL HERE.

HMMMMMMMMM

WHAT'S THAT SOUND--

OH NO...

HMMMM

CHGUNG

"ED, THEY'RE HERE."

WHO THE HELL'S FIRING AT US?

IT IS A SHIP ON THE SURFACE. IT IS THE *BURTON*.

THAT HUNDRED YEAR-OLD SHIP PACKS A WALLOP... TARGET THEM...

HOW CAN YOU KNOW OF HODGES?

HE WAS OF MY PEOPLE. AND I'M LIKE HIM, I WANT TO HELP YOU.

YOU REMEMBER THE GRASS AND THE TREES OF YOUR WORLD? AND THE WATER, ALL THE WATER THAT USED TO BE ON THE GROUND?

YES, AS OLD AS I AM, I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN.

MY PEOPLE CAN BRING THAT ALL BACK. WE BUILT THE FOOD PLACE, BUT WE CAN DO MUCH MORE NOW. YOU JUST HAVE TO TRUST ME AND GIVE ME THE BOXES THAT YOU TOOK FROM ME.

DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT IF THERE IS A CHANCE...

I HAVE A WEAPONS LOCK. ONE SHOT WILL DESTROY THE PARTICLE CANNON.

67.0%

BCV BURTON STATUS
WEAPON SYSTEMS ARMED
SHIELDS ACTIVE STATUS: 52%
TARGETING SYSTEM LOCKED ON
STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 73% DAMAGED

RETURN FIRE...

KELLY, IT'S ED! WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T FIRE!

BORTUS!

I DID NOT FIRE.

WHEW. ED, ARE YOU OKAY?

LONG STORY. JUST GET TO A HIGH ORBIT.

TWO DAYS LATER.

...THE *ULYSSES* CAPTAIN WANTS ME TO INTRODUCE HER TO THE NATIVES, AND THEN WE CAN LEAVE ORBIT. THEY'LL HAVE TO TEMPORARILY TRANSPLANT THE CHOGS UNTIL IT'S DONE, BUT SHE THINKS THE PLANET CAN BE TERRAFORMED IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS.

THAT'S GREAT. SO, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO SAVE A SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION?

OH, IT WASN'T ME, IT WAS RELIEF NAVIGATOR HODGES.

SO SAD. THE BURDEN THAT FELL ON HIS SHOULDERS.

YOU KNOW, IN THAT RECORDING, I COULD SEE HIS EXPERIENCE OF THE TRUE TRAGEDY... THE INNOCENT LIVES THAT GET DESTROYED IN A WAR, PEOPLE WHO PLAY NO PART IN DECIDING THERE NEEDS TO BE A WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW IT'S HAPPENING UNTIL IT DOES. AND HIS SELFLESSNESS MADE ME EMBARRASSED.

EMBARRASSED? ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT WHAT A DICK I'VE BEEN LATELY. TO YOU.

CAPTAIN'S PREROGATIVE.

WELL, I'M SORRY.

THANKS.

SO, ANYTHING HAPPEN WHILE I WAS AWAY I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT?

NOTHING THAT CAN'T WAIT.

THE WORD OF AVIS PART 1

This episode takes place between seasons one and two of The Orville.

THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM, HUH, JOHN?

C'MON MAN, CALL ME "SALADIN..."

SORRY... "SALADIN." THAT'S A LOT OF GUYS OUT THERE. WHO ARE THEY AGAIN?

THOSE ARE THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, THE FORCE THAT'S HOLDING JERUSALEM.

SO THIS RELIGIOUS WAR, THEY BELIEVE IN DIFFERENT GODS?

NO, I THINK THEY BELIEVE IN THE SAME GOD, JUST DIFFERENT PROPHETS... MAYBE?

KIND OF CRAZY WHAT PEOPLE USED TO FIGHT OVER.

WELL, ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS... LET'S KILL THOSE OTHER GUYS WHO BELIEVE IN EXACTLY THE SAME GOD THAT WE DO, BUT DIFFERENTLY! AND THAT REALLY ANNOYS US!

VICTORY!

CHARGE!

HEY, LEAVE SOME FOR ME!

"ED, YOU GOTTA DO IT WITH US NEXT TIME..."

IT WAS BRUTAL. I LIKE SEVERED TEN GUYS' HEADS.

NO THANKS.

CAPTAIN, I HAVE DETECTED A SMALL UNION TRANSPORT ON A DIRECT COURSE FOR KRILL TERRITORY.

BORTUS?

I HAVE THEM, SIR, FIVE THOUSAND KILOMETERS OFF THE STARBOARD BOW.

ALARA, HAIL THEM...

"UNIDENTIFIED SHIP, THIS IS CAPTAIN ED MERCER OF THE U.S.S. ORVILLE..."

...YOU'RE ABOUT TO CROSS INTO KRILL TERRITORY... REVERSE COURSE IMMEDIATELY.

NO RESPONSE, SIR.

GORDON, CLOSE THE DISTANCE.

BORTUS, LOCK ON TRACTOR BEAM...

WE SNAGGED 'EM.

TRACTOR LOCKED ON...

LET'S GET AS FAR AWAY FROM KRILL TERRITORY AS WE CAN. GORDON, BRING US ABOUT--

CAPTAIN, THEY HAVE NOT POWERED DOWN THEIR ENGINES.

WHAT?

ALARA, HAIL THEM AGAIN.

UNIDENTIFIED SHIP, CUT YOUR ENGINES...

NO RESPONSE, SIR...

WHAT ARE THEY DOING? THEIR ENGINES AREN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BREAK AWAY.

THEIR ENGINES ARE OVERHEATING.

THEY'RE GOING TO BLOW THEMSELVES UP!

LAMARR TO BRIDGE, I GOT AN IDEA...

...I THINK I CAN LINK TO THEIR ENGINEERING PANEL AND SHUT DOWN THEIR ENGINES FROM HERE.

DO IT!

DANN, HOOK US UP...

"...WE DON'T GOT A LOT OF TIME..."

THEIR ENGINES WILL OVERLOAD...

...IN FOUR POINT SEVEN SECONDS.

IF WE CUT THE TRACTOR BEAM, IT'LL BE LIKE SNAPPING A RUBBER BAND, AND THEY'LL FLY OFF INTO KRILL SPACE.

BRIDGE TO LAMARR, STATUS!

YOU'RE CONNECTED TO THEIR CONTROL PANEL... BUT THERE'S SOME WEIRD FEEDBACK...

IGNORE IT... SCRAMMING THEIR REACTOR...

"ENGINES SHUTDOWN."

GOOD JOB, JOHN. BORTUS, TRACTOR THEM INTO THE BAY.

THAT'S A SHIP FULL OF ASSHOLES...

I CONCUR WITH LIEUTENANT MALLOY.

ALL RIGHT, WE DON'T KNOW WHO WE'RE DEALING WITH INSIDE, BUT GIVEN HOW THEY TRIED TO RUN, THEY COULD BE DANGEROUS.

WE ARE READY...

I'M VERY SORRY...

...MY NAME'S DARDEN, AND THERE'S BEEN A TERRIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING.

...I'M A XENOANTHROPOLOGIST, AND I'M AFRAID I'VE NEGLECTED THE REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF MY SHIP.

OUR SENSORS AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE OUT, WE THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME KIND OF PIRATES...

YOU WERE HEADED DIRECTLY INTO KRILL SPACE...

ALSO MY FAULT, THE NAVIGATIONAL COMPUTER IS PROVING DIFFICULT.

WE'RE JUST A GROUP OF ACADEMICS HEADING TO STUDY THE PRIMITIVE CULTURE ON MIZAR II.

WELL, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO UNION CENTRAL.

IN THE MEANTIME, YOU'LL BE OUR GUESTS. LT. KITAN WILL SHOW YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS TO QUARTERS.

THAT'S VERY GRACIOUS OF YOU. THANK YOU.

RECORDS SAY HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS, AND THAT THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO MIZAR II.

NAVIGATION MALFUNCTION, COMMUNICATION MALFUNCTION, SENSOR MALFUNCTION. THEY'RE EITHER LUCKY TO BE ALIVE, OR...

YEAH. HAVE JOHN TAKE A LOOK AT THE SHIP, AND TELL ALARA TO KEEP AN EYE ON ALL OF THEM...

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU NEED THREE OF US...

BECAUSE IT'S LIKE A SECRET MISSION?

NO. WE'RE JUST REPAIRING WHATEVER NEEDS IT... BUT TELL ME IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL.

HEY, JOHN...

YEAH?

I NOTICED SOMETHING UNUSUAL.

CAN I HELP YOU?

I'M DANN. AND WE WANT TO HELP YOU. I'M DANN.

SMOOTH.

WAIT... JOHN LAMARR?

HEY, CELESTE... BEEN AWHILE.

UNION POINT GRADUATION.

SO WHERE YOU FROM, CELESTE...

I'M YAPHIT, BY THE WAY...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ON THE *ORVILLE*.

YEAH, CHIEF ENGINEER. I REMEMBER YOU HAVE SOME SKILLS IN THAT TOO.

OH, I LEFT IT BEHIND. I'M A XENOANTHROPOLOGIST.

WHICH IS HOW WE GOT IN THIS MESS.

WELL, WE CAN HELP YOU OUT.

JOHN LAMARR, COMING TO MY RESCUE.

YOU LIKE THE BEACH, CELESTE?

GIVE IT UP, DANN, WE'RE DONE.

MAY WE JOIN YOU, LIEUTENANT MALLOY?

UH... SURE...

YOU'RE THE GUYS FROM THE TRANSPORT...
YES, I'M DARDEN AND THIS IS KARX AND FRANZ...
WE'RE REALLY INTENT ON MEETING YOU...
HEY, I DON'T KNOW WHO TOLD YOU I CALLED YOU ASSHOLES, BUT THEY'RE LIARS...
YOU MISUNDERSTAND. WE'RE VERY INTERESTED IN YOUR TIME ABOARD THE KRILL SHIP.
OH...
BUT... THAT MISSION IS STILL CLASSIFIED. HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
THE KRILL BIBLE, THE ANKHANA YOU COPIED ON THAT MISSION. WE WERE THE XENOANTHROPOLOGISTS TASKED WITH EXAMINING IT.
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO HEAR YOUR FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF A KRILL RELIGIOUS SERVICE.
WELL, IT WAS CREEPY AS HELL. THEY HAD A SEVERED HUMAN HEAD IN A BOX AND THEY STABBED IT.

IT SOUNDS THRILLING. TELL US MORE.

"THESE GUYS ARE NOT ASSHOLES..."

...THEY'RE NUTJOBS. THEY WERE ACTUALLY JEALOUS OF ME GETTING TO GO TO KRILL CHURCH.

I'M MORE CONCERNED THE TEAM TASKED WITH EXAMINING THE ANKHANA ALSO JUST HAPPENED TO GET LOST NEAR KRILL SPACE.

IT WOULD SEEM AN UNLIKELY COINCIDENCE.

JOHN, ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THEIR SHIP?

WELL, THEIR SYSTEMS WERE DEFINITELY DAMAGED. BUT THEIR ENGINEER...

WHAT ABOUT HER?

I WAS AT UNION POINT WITH HER. SHE WAS VERY COMPETENT IN ENGINEERING.

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT SHE'D LET ALL THOSE SYSTEMS FAIL.

COULD THEY BE... KRILL SPIES?

I'VE EXAMINED THEM. THEY ARE WHO THEY SAY THE ARE...

...ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE THE KRILL MIGHT HAVE SOME TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES.

SO... BASICALLY WE'VE GOT NOTHING.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THEM.

HEY...

JOHN, HEY.

I WAS JUST COMING BY TO SEE IF I COULD BUY YOU A DRINK.

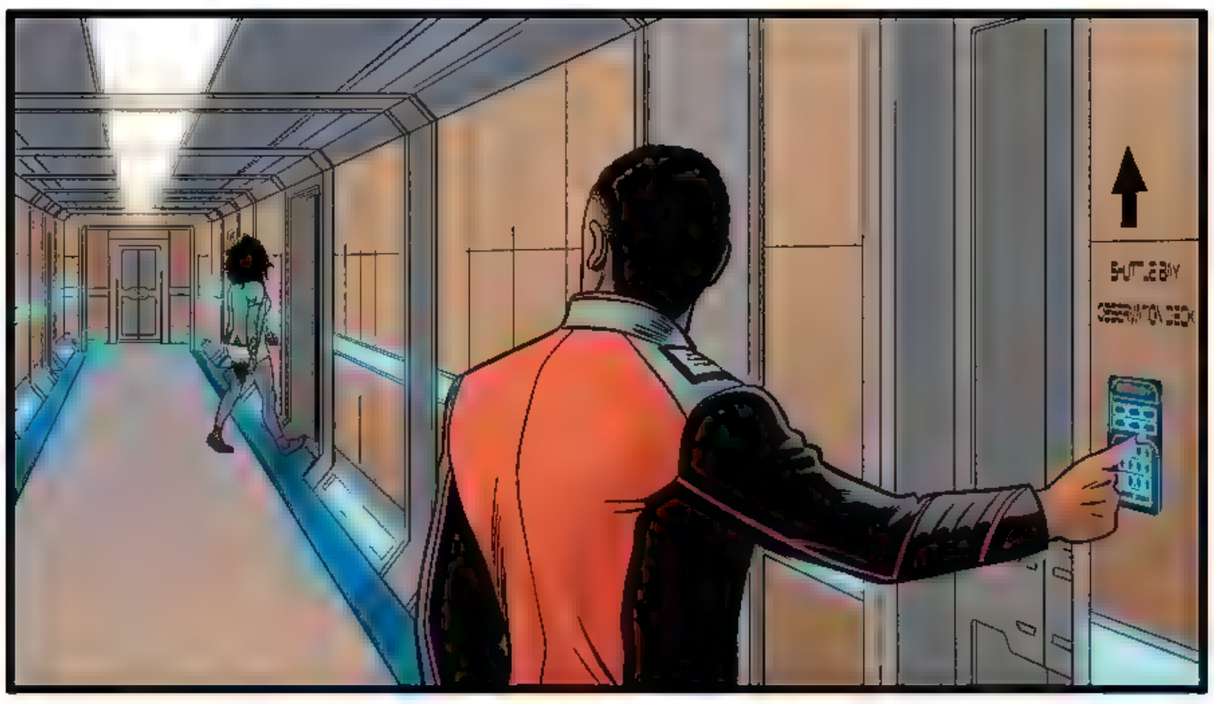
I WISH I COULD, I HAVE TO GET TO A MEETING.

A MEETING?

YES, WE'RE GOING TO BE GETTING UNDERWAY SOON AND DR. DARDEN WANTS TO GO OVER SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR WHEN WE ARRIVE ON MIZAR II.

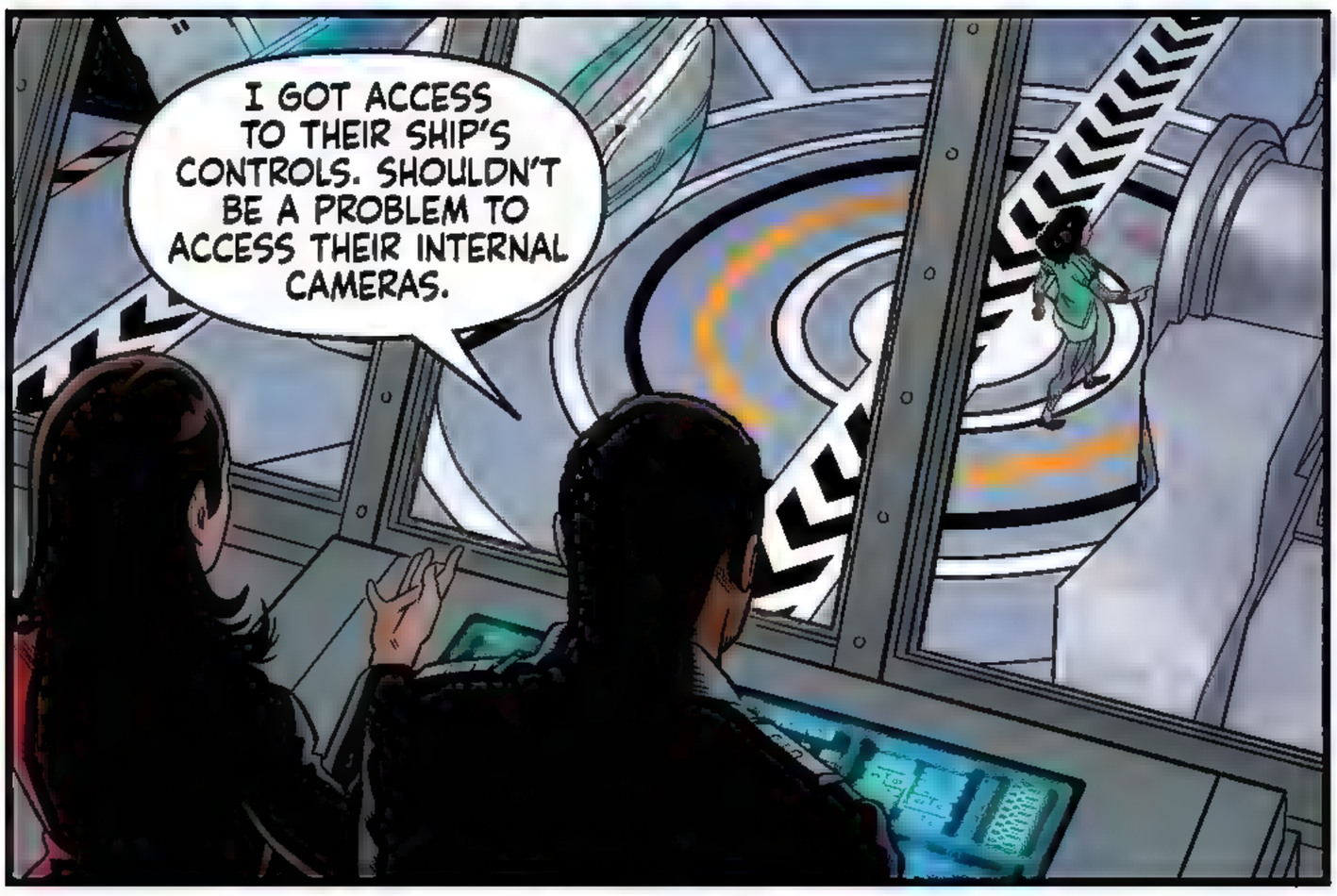
CAN I GET A RAINCHECK?

DEFINITELY.

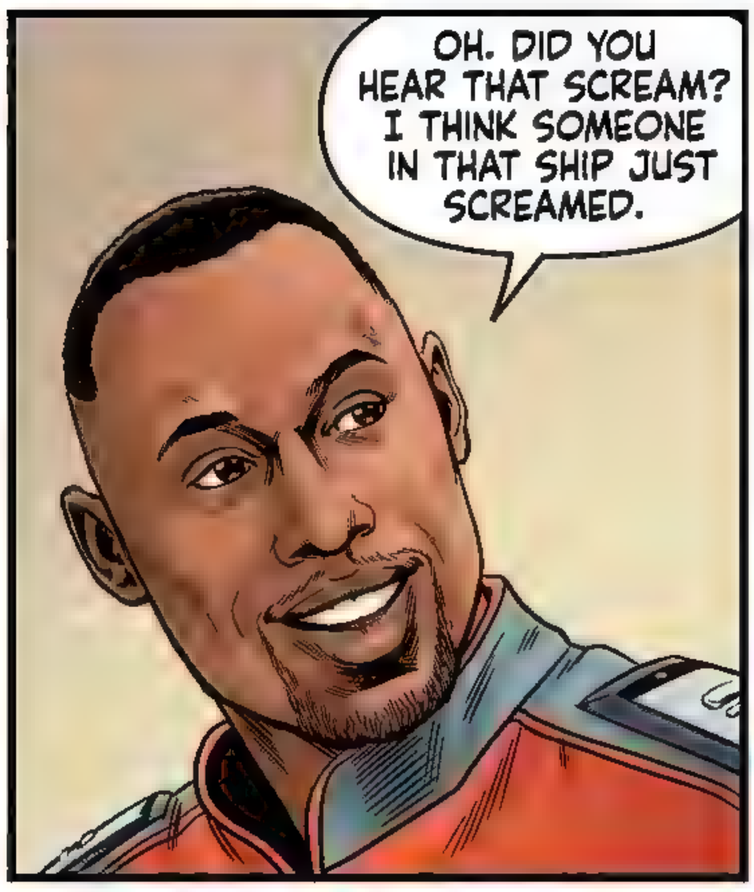

BATTLE BAY
OBSERVATION DECK

DAD

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
CAPTAIN TOLD ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON DARDEN AND HIS TEAM.
NOW THEY'RE ALL IN THERE. DOING WHAT, I DON'T KNOW.
I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THAT.


I GOT ACCESS TO THEIR SHIP'S CONTROLS. SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM TO ACCESS THEIR INTERNAL CAMERAS.

UH... I'D NEED A SECURITY REASON TO AUTHORIZE THAT.


OH. DID YOU HEAR THAT SCREAM? I THINK SOMEONE IN THAT SHIP JUST SCREAMED.

OH. BETTER CHECK THAT OUT.

HERE WE GO. LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ALL IN THE CARGO BAY.

OH MY GOD, ARE THEY...?

YEAH. YEAH THEY ARE.

...THEY WERE ALL IN THE SHIP'S CARGO HOLD.

DOING WHAT?

I GOTTA SHOW YOU.

WAIT, I DON'T LIKE THIS. THIS IS AN INVASION OF PRIVACY AND AGAINST REGULATIONS.

SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO WATCH IT?

OH, WE'RE GOING TO WATCH IT, I'M JUST SAYING I DON'T LIKE IT.

A BLESSED EVENING. TEMEEM EMEDEEN...

TEMEEM EMEDEEN.

OH MY GOD. IT'S A KRILL RELIGIOUS CEREMONY.

DID THEY BRING THEIR OWN SEVERED HEAD?

"DO YOU DENY WHAT WE SAW?"

NO, CAPTAIN, WE DO NOT DENY IT.

SO YOU'RE SPIES?

NO, WE ARE NOT SPIES.

THEN KINDLY EXPLAIN WHAT YOU WERE DOING.

WE WERE WORSHIPPING AVIS. DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF RELIGION?

YOU... BELIEVE IN THE KRILL RELIGION?

YES, AND WE HAVE YOUR CAPTAIN TO THANK FOR IT...

"...FOR BRINGING ME THE ANKHANA. ADMIRAL HALSEY ASSIGNED ME AND MY TEAM THE TASK OF STUDYING IT."

WE QUICKLY LEARNED HOW IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP IS TO THE KRILL. STUDYING THE ANKHANA IS THE BASIS OF EVERYTHING TO THEM.

"THEN, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHO THE KRILL WERE, WE DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS.

"DAILY STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURE, PRAYER BEFORE MEALS, THE ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN... WE BEGAN TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE BELIEF SYSTEM."

BUT GORDON AND I WEREN'T ABLE TO COPY THE ENTIRE ANKHANA.

YES, THERE WERE HOLES IN OUR KNOWLEDGE. SO WE SOUGHT HELP.

TELEYA.

"YES. I WAS ABLE TO GET PERMISSION TO SPEAK WITH HER.

"SHE FILLED IN THE BLANK SPACES.

"SHE EVENTUALLY LED US IN RELIGIOUS TEACHING, AND WE CAME TO UNDERSTAND THE LIFE AVIS OFFERED. STRUCTURE, SECURITY..."

...PURPOSE. WE KNEW WE MUST JOIN OUR PEOPLE.

BUT THAT'S INSANE. THE KRILL WILL KILL YOU ON SIGHT.

YOU'RE WRONG. THEY WILL ACCEPT US.

LOOK, WE RESPECT ALL BELIEFS--

NO YOU DON'T.

KARX IS RIGHT.

YOU LOOK DOWN ON US FOR BELIEVING IN SOMETHING GREATER THAN OURSELVES, SOMETHING THAT GIVES US STRENGTH AND PURPOSE AND A SHARED IDENTITY.

MAYBE I DO. BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE RELIGION AS ANYTHING BUT SUPERSTITION.

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE OUR OWN FATE.

NOT IN THIS CASE. UNDER THE LAWS OF THE PLANETARY UNION, YOU HAVE TO RESPECT THE BORDERS.

AND EVEN IF YOU WON'T, WE HAVE TO PROTECT YOUR LIVES.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE IN THE MATTER, CAPTAIN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN--

MALLOY TO MERCER. ED, YOU BETTER GET UP HERE.

"I STOPPED US, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE."

WELL, THEN WHERE ARE WE?

THE NAVIGATIONAL COMPUTER IS ON THE FRITZ. I CAN'T GET A BEAD ON OUR LOCATION.

I HAVE FOUND THE DIFFICULTY. A COMPUTER PROGRAM WAS DOWNLOADED INTO THE ENGINEERING SYSTEMS AND FOUND ITS WAY TO THE NAVIGATIONAL COMPUTER.

IT HAS BEEN MINUTELY ADJUSTING OUR COURSE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL HOURS SO WE VEERED FROM OUR PLANNED TRAJECTORY.

BRIDGE TO ENGINEERING...

I HEARD, CAPTAIN. I THINK I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. IT WAS FEEDBACK FROM THE TRANSPORT.

IT WAS THAT FEEDBACK THAT YOU TOLD ME TO IGNORE.

FEEDBACK?

YEAH. WHEN WE HOOKED INTO THE TRANSPORT'S NAVIGATIONAL COMPUTER...

...WE GOT SOME UNUSUAL FEEDBACK. I THINK THEY MAY HAVE SNUCK THE PROGRAM IN THERE.

I DETECTED THE FEEDBACK. CAPTAIN SHOULD PROBABLY KNOW THAT.

I FOUND THE PROGRAM. IT MUST HAVE BEEN CELESTE WHO SNUCK INTO OUR CONTROL COMPUTER...

...IT'S BEEN SLOWLY PUTTING US ON A DIFFERENT COURSE.

SO THE QUESTION IS, WHERE ARE WE?

I HAVE DETERMINED OUR COORDINATES.

I DON'T THINK I WANT TO KNOW.

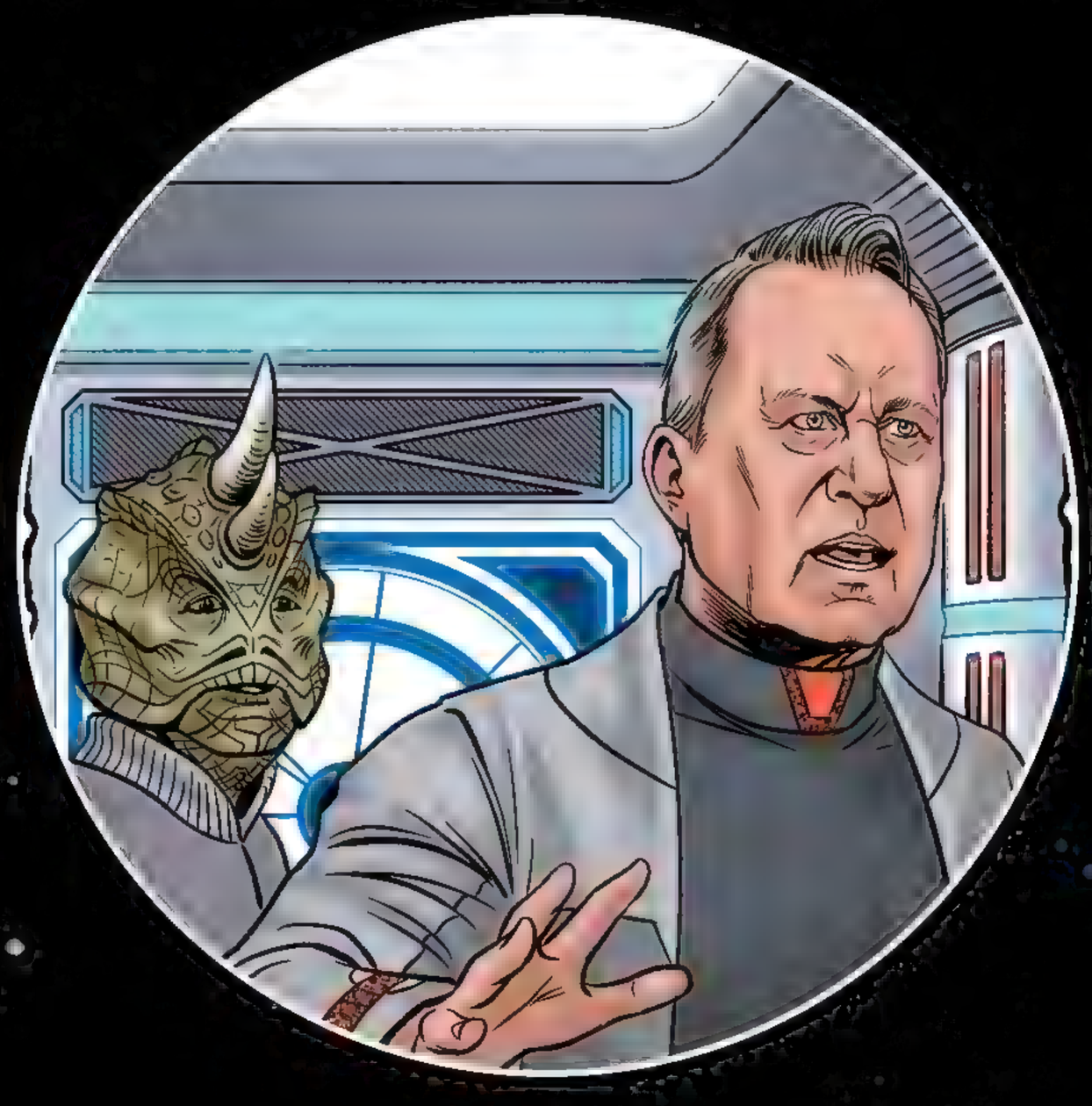
I THINK YOU ALREADY DO.

WE ARE IN KRILL TERRITORY...

"...APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE LIGHT YEARS ACROSS THEIR BORDER."

TO BE CONTINUED...

THE WORD OF AVIS PART 2



THIRTY LIGHT YEARS INSIDE KRILL TERRITORY.
GORDON...
WE'RE GOING, WE'RE GOING...
"ED, EVEN AT MAXIMUM SPEED..."
...IT'LL TAKE THREE HOURS TO GET BACK TO UNION SPACE.
IT WILL NOT TAKE THAT LONG, LIEUTENANT. BASED ON MY CALCULATIONS IT WILL TAKE TWO POINT SEVEN EIGHT HOURS.
OH, I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER.
WE'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY LUCKY THE KRILL HAVEN'T DETECTED US ALREADY.
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT "LUCK" WILL CONTINUE.
CAPTAIN, I HAVE AN IDEA...
WHEN WE RESCUED YOU AND COMMANDER GRAYSON FROM THE CALIVON ZOO, ISAAC WAS ABLE TO DISGUISE *ORVILLE* AS A CALIVON SHIP, USING THEIR HOLOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY.
WE COULD DO IT AGAIN, ONLY THIS TIME MAKE US LOOK LIKE A KRILL SHIP.
ISAAC?
I AM MAKING THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS...

...HOLOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY ON LINE...

...WE NOW APPEAR TO BE A KRILL BATTLESHIP.

HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BUY US SOME TIME.

AT LEAST ENOUGH TO FINISH OUR CONVERSATION WITH OUR "GUESTS."

WE ARE NOW ALL UNDER ARREST?

YOU'RE CHARGED WITH SABOTAGE, HIJACKING, AND WHATEVER ELSE I CAN THINK OF.

YOU'VE PUT THIS ENTIRE CREW IN DANGER.

THAT IS NO CONCERN OF MINE. WE WERE TRYING TO GET HOME.

HOME?

YOU WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND. YOU ARE NOT OF AVIS.

CELESTE...

YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHY YOU LIED TO ME?

IT WAS THE WILL OF AVIS.

GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU'RE REALLY BUYING INTO THIS GARBAGE?

IT'S NOT GARBAGE. YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND. WHEN I GRADUATED UNION POINT, I FAILED AT EVERY JOB I HAD. I WAS LOST.

UNTIL I READ THE ANKHANA... IT SPOKE TO ME. IT GAVE ME A PATH. THE POWER OF AVIS IS REAL...

...I UNDERSTAND MY PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE NOW.

SO YOU'RE GOING TO GO LIVE IN KRILL SPACE?

I DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND PEOPLE WHO DON'T BELIEVE.

YEAH, WELL, IF YOU REALLY BELIEVED...

...WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THOUGHT WOULDN'T MATTER.

THERE ARE THREE KRILL SHIPS COMING INTO SENSOR RANGE.
ARE THEY ON AN INTERCEPT COURSE?
NEGATIVE. BUT THEY WILL PASS WITHIN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND KILOMETERS OF US.
WHAT DO WE DO?
CROSS OUR FINGERS?
"CAPTAIN KRATOK, I'VE DETECTED ANOTHER SHIP..."
PUT IT ON THE SCREEN.
IT'S A BATTLE CRUISER. ON A DIRECT HEADING FOR UNION SPACE.

THEY ARE CONDUCTING A LONG RANGE SCAN.

THE CALIVON SCANNED US TOO, AND THEY LET US PASS.

IT IS WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE.

THEN WHY, SAZERON, IS SOMETHING IN MY HEAD TELLING ME IT ISN'T?

THE ANKHANA TEACHES "DO NOT TURN A DEAF EAR TO THE WHISPER, FOR THAT IS THE VOICE OF AVIS."

SCAN IT WITH NEUTRON RADIATION.

NEUTRON RADIATION? WHAT WILL THAT SHOW?

I DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE. BUT AS THE SAZERON ADVISED, I AM LISTENING TO THE WHISPER.

VERY WELL.

CAPTAIN, THEY'RE SCANNING US.

AGAIN?

THIS SCANNING BEAM IS DIFFERENT. IT CONTAINS NEUTRON RADIATION.

ED, ISN'T THAT WHAT SCREWED UP OUR HOLOGRAPHIC DISGUISES?

OH CRAP.

THE HOLOGRAPHIC GENERATOR IS MALFUNCTIONING...

"...WE ARE VISIBLE."

IT IS A UNION VESSEL. THE *ORVILLE*.

AVIS NEVER FAILS US.

ALL SHIPS, INTERCEPT COURSE. FIRE WHEN IN RANGE.

THEY HAVE CHANGED COURSE. THE KRILL SHIPS WILL INTERCEPT US IN THREE MINUTES.

WE NEED A PLACE TO HIDE.

ISAAC, SCAN FOR NEARBY SYSTEMS.

THERE IS A PLANETARY SYSTEM POINT FIVE LIGHT YEARS AWAY.

IT HAS AN ASTEROID FIELD REPLETE WITH HEAVY METALS THAT MAY CONFUSE THE KRILL SENSORS.

GORDON, GET US THERE.

THEY ARE HEADED FOR THE ASTEROID FIELD.

ORDER THE TWO SHIPS TO FOLLOW.

WE WILL HOLD POSITION OUTSIDE THE FIELD IN CASE THE UNION SHIP ELUDES THEM.

THAT CALIVON THING IS WORTHLESS!

THE HEAVY METALS IN THE ASTEROID ARE INTERFERING WITH THEIR TARGETING SENSORS.

NOW WE JUST HAVE TO HOPE THEY DON'T LAUNCH MISSILES.

THEY HAVE JUST LAUNCHED MISSILES.

MAYBE NEXT TIME KEEP IT TO YOURSELF.

THE MISSILES HAVE SOPHISTICATED GUIDANCE SYSTEMS. THEY HAVE LOCKED ON TO US.

WE'LL NEED COVER.

GORDON, GET US CLOSER TO THAT BIG ONE.

CLOSER?

THE MISSILES ARE FIFTY METERS AWAY AND CLOSING.

CAPTAIN, THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL ON THE *ORVILLE* IS INCREASING.

AND ON THE MISSILES TOO...

GORDON, STAND BY TO PULL UP AND HEAD FOR THAT CAVE.

NOW!

IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE.

WE'RE IN!

ED, THE OPENING...

"...WE'RE SEALED IN."

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE MISSILES' DETONATIONS RESULTED IN A CAVE IN.

WELL, THAT'LL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO FIND.

OR THEY WON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF BURYING US.

NO SIGN OF THE UNION VESSEL.

EXCELLENT. INFORM CAPTAIN KRATOK THAT IT HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

HOW THE HELL DID THEY KNOW TO SCAN US WITH NEUTRON RADIATION?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT MEANS THAT WE CAN'T USE THAT CALIVON DEVICE AGAIN.

WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN THAT.

THEY'RE GOING TO NOTICE THERE'S NO DEBRIS.

AND THEN IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY FIND US.

IF WE JUST HAD A FEW MINUTES TO GET OUT OF THE ASTEROID FIELD, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO JUMP TO QUANTUM AND GET AWAY.

TUNNELING OUT OF THE CAVE WILL TAKE THREE POINT SEVEN MINUTES.

THIS ACTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE KRILL SHIPS.

WAIT, I GOT AN IDEA. WE CAN USE THE CALIVON HOLOGRAPHIC GENERATOR.

OH, HEY BUDDY, DID YOU JUST MISS THE PART OF THE CONVERSATION WHERE WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT A CLUSTERFUCK THAT WAS?

YEAH, JOHN I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET AWAY DISGUISED AS A KRILL SHIP.

NO, WE USE IT TO DISGUISE ANOTHER SHIP...

...AS THE *ORVILLE*.

WE DISGUISE THE TRANSPORT SHIP, AND PILOT IT BY REMOTE CONTROL. ITS ENGINES ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN A SHUTTLE'S SO IT'LL BE HARDER TO CATCH.

AND SINCE IT'S A ONE WAY TRIP, WE CAN RUN THEIR ENGINES AT MAXIMUM.

THAT MIGHT WORK.

THAT HAS TO WORK. GET ON IT. WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE THEM TO NOTICE THERE'S NO DEBRIS...

YOU DIDN'T SCAN FOR DEBRIS?

NO, SIR.

THEY USED THE EXPLOSION TO COVER THEIR ESCAPE.

THEY'RE HIDING. SEARCH UNTIL YOU FIND THEM.

YES SIR.

LET'S FIRST SEE IF WE CAN GET THE ENGINES ONLINE, THEN WE'LL HOOK UP THE CALIVON HOLOGRAPHIC GENERATOR.

MAYBE WE SHOULD GET YOUR GIRLFRIEND TO HELP.

SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND.

WELL, SHE WASN'T EXACTLY LEAVING HERSELF OPEN TO OTHER OPTIONS.

YAPHIT, YOU GETTING ANYTHING ON YOUR END?

THAT'S WHAT I WAS SAYING, SHE WASN'T--OH, YOU MEANT THE SHIP. NO, I GOT NOTHING.

LAMARR TO CAPTAIN, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM...

LOCKED

...WE'RE LOCKED OUT OF THE TRANSPORT SHIP'S SYSTEMS.

I'M BETTING IT'S THE WILL OF AVIS.

YEAH. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT?

OUR SISTER SHIPS HAVE FAILED TO LOCATE THE UNION VESSEL.

THEY COULD NOT HAVE ESCAPED! THEY MUST BE IN THAT FIELD SOMEWHERE!

I HAVE NOTICED SOMETHING ON THE LARGE ASTEROID...

WHY DID YOU LOCK OUT YOUR SYSTEMS?

AVIS GUIDED US TO PROTECT OUR SHIP. WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH IT?

WE NEED IT AS A DISTRACTION TO ESCAPE KRILL SPACE.

THAT IS NO CONCERN OF OURS.

SO YOU'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE EVERYONE ABOARD THIS SHIP?

IT IS THE WILL OF AVIS.

BUT IF YOU FREE US, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO CONVINCE OUR KRILL BROTHERS TO LET YOU RETURN HOME IN PEACE.

YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY--

CRSSSHHH

GRAYSON TO BRIDGE. BORTUS, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING--

THE KRILL HAVE BEGUN DRILLING.

IT IS CAUSING A SYMPATHETIC VIBRATION THAT IS RESULTING IN DEBRIS FALLING FROM THE CAVE CEILING.

IN A CONFINED SPACE LIKE THIS, THAT COULD OVERLOAD A LOT OF OUR SYSTEMS.

JOHN, GET TO ENGINEERING, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE.

CRSSSHHH

WHAT HAPPENED?

THE SECURITY SYSTEM OVERLOADED.

I'LL GET HIS GUN.

THIS IS OUR CHANCE. WE'LL HIDE ABOARD OUR SHIP, AND WHEN OUR BRETHREN FINISH TUNNELING THROUGH, WE'LL ESCAPE.

COME ON.

WE MADE IT.

AVIS IS WITH US. RELEASE THE LOCKOUT, WE'LL START THE ENGINES.

I... DON'T THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THEY NEED THIS SHIP. WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM TO DIE.

IT IS THE WILL OF AVIS.

UH, DARDEN, I THINK SHE'S RIGHT.

ME TOO. WE SHOULD HELP THEM.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MINDS? THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO LIVE A PURE LIFE! THE LIFE TELEYA TAUGHT US ABOUT!

THEY DESERVE TO DIE FOR TRYING TO STOP US! IT IS THE WILL--

...THE WILL OF AVIS...

...YEAH, WE HEARD.

YOU TRICKED US!

CRSSSHHH

MERCER TO BRIDGE. BORTUS, YOU CAN STOP PUTTING ON THE SHOW...

I AM NO LONGER "PUTTING ON THE SHOW." THE KRILL ARE NOW ACTUALLY TUNNELING THROUGH TO US.

OH.

CELESTE, WE'RE OUT OF TIME. WILL YOU RELEASE THE LOCKOUTS?

YES...

NO!

I WON'T LET YOU! AHHH!

GUY WAS GETTING ON MY NERVES.

Moments later...

SIR, THE UNION VESSEL...

ALL SHIPS, PURSUE!

THEY TOOK THE BAIT.

LET'S GO. TAKE US TO QUANTUM AS SOON AS WE'VE CLEARED THE ASTEROID FIELD.

BING

COME IN.

HOPE I'M NOT BOTHERING YOU.

NO. THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME THESE QUARTERS.

YOU HELPED WHEN IT MATTERED. IT MEANT A LOT.

YEAH, EXCEPT NOW I HAVE NOTHING.

I THOUGHT THE ANKHANA GAVE ME AN IDENTITY. NOW THAT THAT'S GONE... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO I AM.

I GET THAT. I REALLY DO.

LITTLE WHILE AGO I WAS A LITTLE LOST. HAD TO FIGURE OUT WHO I WAS, GET MY LIFE ON A NEW TRACK.

HOW'D YOU DO IT?

TOOK A HELPING HAND FROM A FRIEND.

EPILOGUE

"WE WERE TRICKED!"

THEY ARE BACK IN UNION SPACE BY NOW.

IT IS THE WILL OF AVIS.

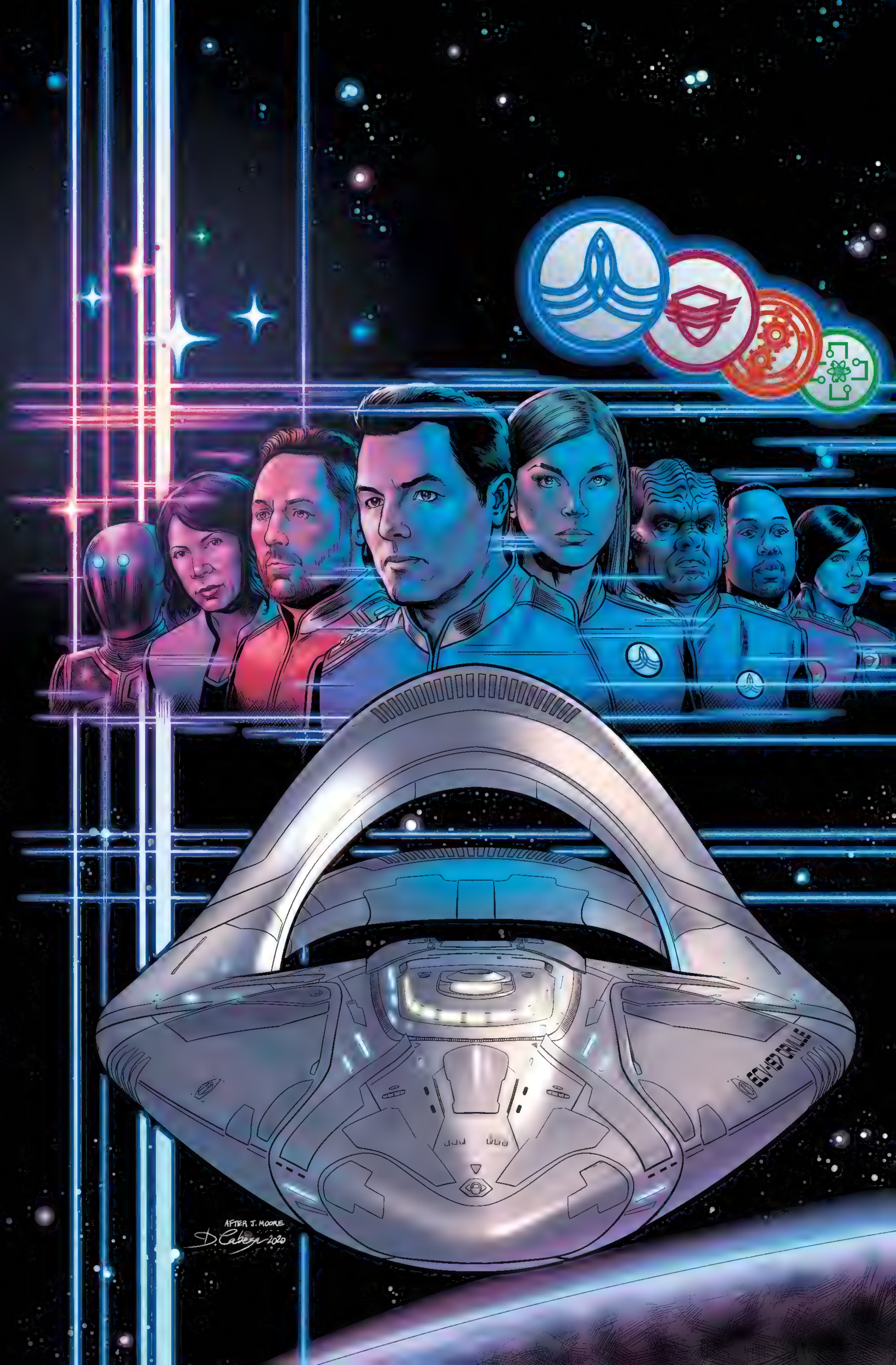
AND IT IS JUST AS WELL.

SINCE MY ESCAPE, THAT SHIP, THE *ORVILLE*, HAS BEEN OF INTEREST TO ME.

OH? WHY IS THAT?

ITS COMMANDER IS SOMEONE I HAVE PLANS FOR...

...VERY SPECIAL PLANS.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LAUNCH DAY PART 1

This episode takes place between seasons two and three of The Orville.

TWENTY YEARS AGO. SCIENCE VESSEL *BOHR*, IN ORBIT OF THE ALIBAR HOMEWORLD.

"ED, THIS DUTY SUCKS."

GORDON, REGULAR SHUTTLE MAINTENANCE IS AS IMPORTANT AS ANY JOB ON THE SHIP.

KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT.

GENTLEMEN...

...IS THAT SHUTTLE READY?

YES, SIR. WE WERE JUST COMPLETING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE.

VERY GOOD.

OUR PLEASURE, SIR. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL US ROUTINE SHUTTLE MAINTENANCE IS AS IMPORTANT AS ANY JOB ON THE SHIP. WE KNOW THAT ALREADY.

YES... WELL, MALLOY, PREP THE SHUTTLE TO TAKE YCIL TO THE SURFACE.

AYE AYE, SIR...

I'M SORRY TO LOSE YOU, YCIL.

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR SERVING WITH YOU.

IT WAS A PLEASURE SERVING WITH YOU, YCIL.

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YES, IT WAS... ENSIGN... UH...

I'M ED MERCER.

ED, OF COURSE, SORRY.

SO, DO YOU KNOW WHY YOUR HOMEWORLD HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE UNION?

NEW GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. THAT'S ALL I KNOW. HOPEFULLY, THEY'LL REALIZE IT'S A MISTAKE, TED.

UH... ED.

HOW MANY SHIPS DID YOU SAY, BORTUS?

EIGHT KRILL SHIPS, CROSSING INTO UNION SPACE.

LET'S SEE 'EM.

EVEN WHEN THEY'RE NOT SHOOTING THEY LOOK MEAN.

AND THINGS WERE GOING SO WELL.

LET'S NOT ASSUME THEY'VE THROWN OUT THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS JUST YET.

GORDON, PLOT AN INTERCEPT COURSE. PUT US RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM.

"WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS..."

...CAPTAIN MERCER?

UM... SORRY, HAVE WE MET?

IT WAS MY SHIP THAT PURSUED YOU WHEN YOU CROSSED INTO KRILL SPACE TWELVE MONTHS AGO.

OH. YOU GUYS... STILL UPSET ABOUT THAT?

IT IS OF NO CONCERN. WE ARE ON A VITAL MISSION TO THE ALIBAR SYSTEM.

MAY WE ASK WHY?

WE OWE YOU NO EXPLANATION. ALIBAR IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE UNION.

YOU'RE RIGHT, IT ISN'T. BUT YOU NEED TO CROSS UNION SPACE TO GET THERE...

AND SOME MIGHT CONSIDER THAT AN ACT OF WAR.

WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE UNION. AT LEAST NOT YET.

BEST FOR ALL CONCERNED WE KEEP IT THAT WAY. WOULD YOU MIND BRIEFING US ON YOUR MISSION?

VERY WELL. PLEASE ADJUST THE LIGHTING ON YOUR SHIP.

WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE ALIBAR SYSTEM, AND DETECTED THIS.

WHAT IS IT?

IT IS A MASSIVE WEAPON THEY HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTING FOR YEARS.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S A WEAPON?

WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE? IT IS PUTTING OUT LARGE AMOUNTS OF QUANTUM INTERFERENCE TO HIDE ITS PURPOSE.

ALIBAR IS LESS THAN ONE PARSEC FROM THE KRILL HOMEWORLD. WE MUST DESTROY IT.

WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE ALIBAR IN TWO DECADES. ATTACKING THEM WITHOUT WARNING IS A LITTLE RASH.

AND EVEN IF IT IS A WEAPON, YOU HAVE NO PROOF THEY INTEND TO USE IT AGAINST YOU.

WE CANNOT WAIT FOR "PROOF"! THE "PROOF" MAY BE THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR HOMEWORLD!

LOOK...

YOU CAN'T CHARGE ACROSS OUR TERRITORY TO ATTACK A PEACEFUL SOCIETY, EVEN IF THEY AREN'T A MEMBER OF THE UNION.

I HAVE MY ORDERS.

OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE FINALLY TALKING. LET'S NOT PUT THAT IN JEOPARDY.

GIVE ME SOME TIME TO INVESTIGATE.

RIDICULOUS. WHY SHOULD WE AGREE TO THAT?

BECAUSE YOU MIGHT BE WRONG.

I WILL TAKE IT UP WITH MY GOVERNMENT.

"TALLA, RAISE ADMIRAL OZAWA AT FLEET HEADQUARTERS."

WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE KRILL GOVERNMENT...

THEY HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW YOU TWO DAYS TO INVESTIGATE.

TWO DAYS? THEY DIDN'T GIVE US A LOT OF TIME.

WELL, THE FACT IS, WE DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE MORE THAN THAT EITHER.

WE ANALYZED THEIR DATA. WHATEVER THIS STRUCTURE IS, ITS ENERGY OUTPUT HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING. IT MAY POSE A THREAT TO US.

BUT ALIBAR WAS SUCH A PEACEFUL WORLD.

THE OPERATIVE WORD THERE IS "WAS."

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY THEY LEFT THE UNION.

SO YOUR ORDERS ARE TO INVESTIGATE, DETERMINE THIS OBJECT'S FUNCTION. AND IF IT IS A WEAPON...

...YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO ASSIST THE KRILL IN ITS DESTRUCTION.

A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE? THE UNION HAS NEVER STARTED A WAR.

WE HAVE NEVER HAD TO. BUT ALL OUR ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE ALIBAR GOVERNMENT HAVE GONE UNANSWERED.

WE DON'T KNOW THE NATURE OF THIS, BUT YOUR ORDERS ARE TO PROTECT THE UNION FROM AN ATTACK. OZAWA OUT.

SO WE'RE TEAMING UP WITH THE KRILL?

ONLY IF WE FIND OUT IT'S A WEAPON. BUT YES.

IF IT IS A WEAPON, THEN ATTACK IS NECESSARY.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS YET.

ISAAC, GIVE US EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ON ALIBAR.

THE ALIBAR WERE MEMBERS OF THE UNION UNTIL TWENTY POINT SEVEN YEARS AGO. THEY WERE A DEMOCRATICALLY RULED SOCIETY, ON A TECHNOLOGICAL SCALE EQUIVALENT TO EARTH.

UPON REMOVING THEMSELVES FROM THE UNION, THEY HAVE FORBIDDEN OUTSIDERS INTO THEIR SYSTEM.

AND ADMIRAL OZAWA SAID EVEN THE ADMIRALTY DOESN'T KNOW WHY THEY WITHDREW THEIR UNION MEMBERSHIP.

AFFIRMATIVE. THE ALIBAR GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO STATE A REASON.

IT WAS THE DECISION OF A NEWLYELECTED LEADER IS ALL THEY SAID.

HEY ED, REMEMBER THAT GUY ON THE *BOHR*, WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

YCIL, YEAH.

WE HAD TO TAKE HIM HOME WHEN THEY WITHDREW FROM THE UNION.

YOU'VE BEEN TO ALIBAR?

I DIDN'T LEAVE THE *BOHR*. BUT GORDON DID.

IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER MUCH...

SHUT UP, YOU'RE GOING.

IF THEY DON'T LIKE OUTSIDERS, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO INVESTIGATE.

WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO NEED CLAIRE'S HELP...

THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN ALIBARAN BIOLOGY. THIS DISGUISE WON'T FOOL A SCANNER.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO COUNT ON THE FACT THAT SINCE THEY DON'T WANT VISITORS, THEY'RE ALSO NOT EXPECTING THEM.

SHOULD I MAKE A "I'M GREEN WITH ENVY" JOKE? I DON'T HAVE ONE BUT I CAN PITCH ON IT.

KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.

BORTUS, YOU'RE IN COMMAND. TWO DAYS IS NOT A LOT OF TIME...

I WILL ENSURE THAT THE KRILL DO NOT ATTACK BEFORE THEN.

WELL, THEY DO OUTNUMBER YOU. BY A LOT...

...SO PROBABLY WANT TO DO YOUR BEST NOT TO START AN ARGUMENT.

I WILL TAKE THAT SUGGESTION. GOOD LUCK.

"THE UNION VESSEL HAS LAUNCHED ITS SHUTTLE."

AND THEY HAVE ACTIVATED THEIR INVISIBILITY SCREEN.

VERY WELL. COORDINATE WITH THE OTHER SHIPS AN ATTACK PLAN TO DESTROY THE *ORVILLE*.

IF THEY DECIDE TO STAND IN OUR WAY, I WANT THEM ELIMINATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

"GORDON, DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU DROPPED YCIL OFF?"

YEAH, IT WAS THE CAPITAL CITY.

OKAY, THAT'S AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY. TAKE US TO THE OUTSKIRTS.

ARE YOU EXPECTING TO FIND HIM?

I DON'T KNOW HOW WE WOULD. BUT IT AT LEAST INCREASES OUR ODDS.

CAPTAIN...

...THE CONSTRUCT, WHATEVER IT IS, IS SITUATED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THEIR SUN. CAN'T GET A GOOD READ ON IT.

AFTER YOU DROP US OFF, GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE.

AND STAY IN REGULAR CONTACT.

BRING US BACK A SOUVENIR.

DID WE FORGET TO COME UP WITH NAMES AGAIN?

OH, CRAP.

"FATHER, WHAT IS THE SHIP DOING HERE?"

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THE KRILL ARE ON A MISSION TO DESTROY SOMETHING THEY CONSIDER TO BE A THREAT.

IS IT A THREAT?

WE DO NOT KNOW. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT.

IT IS A FOOLISH MISSION.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

IF WE HAD NOT STOPPED THEM AND THE WEAPON IS A THREAT, THE KRILL WILL HAVE RELIEVED US OF IT.

AND IF IT WAS NOT A THREAT?

THEN A PLANET WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT WOULD HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY THE KRILL.

THEY MAY BE INNOCENT.

NO ONE IS INNOCENT. AND YOU AND YOUR CAPTAIN RISK THE LIVES OF YOUR FAMILY PROTECTING A RACE WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT, A PLANET THAT ISN'T EVEN A MEMBER OF THE UNION.

DO WE NOT WANT TO TEACH OUR SON THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING LARGER THAN OURSELVES? WORKING FOR A GREATER GOOD?

I DID NOT CHOOSE TO WORK FOR THIS "GREATER GOOD."

I JUST HOPE YOUR CAPTAIN HAS NOT GOTTEN US INTO ANOTHER ONE OF HIS MESSES.

YOU EXAGGERATE. THE CAPTAIN HAS NEVER LET US DOWN.

THAT IS SOMETHING ON WHICH WE ALSO DISAGREE.

THIS PLACE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE PICTURES.
YEAH...
IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS HAVE GONE DOWNHILL SINCE THEY LEFT THE UNION.
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU TWO...
ARE YOU LOST?
NO, WE'RE JUST... NEW TO TOWN.
VISITORS NEED TO REGISTER.
OH, OF COURSE...
YEAH, THAT'S JUST WHERE WE WERE HEADED...
TO GO REGISTER. JUST ONE QUESTION...
WHERE DO WE GO TO REGISTER?
THERE'S A REGISTRATION OFFICE DOWN THAT STREET.
THEY DON'T LIKE VISITORS.
EVEN ONES FROM THEIR OWN PLANET.

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE HOW A SOCIETY COULD FALL THIS FAR THIS FAST.

IT'S TIME WE GOT ANSWERS.

ALSO, LUNCH.

THERE YOU ARE.

SO DID YOU COOK THIS YOURSELF?

OF COURSE I DID. HOW ELSE DOES FOOD GET MADE?

YOU DON'T HAVE FOOD SYNTHESIZERS?

OH, HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THOSE IN YEARS. MAYBE THE RICH STILL GOT 'EM. AFTER LAUNCH DAY, MAYBE WE'LL ALL GET ONE OF THOSE AGAIN.

SURE. LAUNCH DAY.

THAT'S GOING TO FIX EVERYTHING. YOU JUST WAIT. FINALLY GET THIS WORLD BACK TO THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.

OH SURE.

YEAH, LAUNCH DAY. WHEN IS THAT AGAIN?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S TOMORROW. YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN LAUNCH DAY IS?

OH, WE KNEW.

SURE. I WAS JUST JOKING.

WELL, IT CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH FOR ME. OTHERWISE I MIGHT HAVE TO SHUT THIS PLACE DOWN.

REALLY? WHY?

PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD TO EAT OUT DON'T EAT HERE.

"AFFORD."

YOU'RE STILL USING MONEY.

WHAT IS THAT, ANOTHER JOKE? AND SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IT, THAT'LL BE FIFTY DRACHAS.

POLICE! STOP THEM!

THIS IS NOT GOING WELL.

YOU HAD TO HAVE LUNCH.

JOHN, THIS IS INSANE...

THE CLOSER WE GET TO THAT THING OUT THERE, THE HARDER IT IS TO PILOT.

NAVIGATION'S A MESS, TOO. IT'S MAKING ME THINK THE KRILL ARE RIGHT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL, THAT MUCH INTERFERENCE IS GOING TO PLAY HAVOC WITH WEAPON GUIDANCE SYSTEMS.

AND IF WE CAN'T AIM OUR WEAPONS, WE'RE TOAST. SPACE TOAST.

BOOM.

ANY SIGN OF POLICE?

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

ACCORDING TO OUR HISTORY OF ALIBAR, THEY DIDN'T USE MONEY FOR OVER A CENTURY.

JUST LIKE EARTH. ONCE THERE WERE SYNTHESIZERS YOU DIDN'T NEED IT.

BUT NOW IT'S BACK.

HOW DOES A SOCIETY TAKE SUCH A GIANT LEAP BACKWARD?

ATTENTION, CITIZENS.

IS HE TALKING TO US?

LAUNCH DAY IS UPON US. OUR ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS HAVE SPENT DECADES ON THIS PROJECT, AND IT HAS FINALLY COME TO FRUITION.

WHEN I WAS ELECTED TWENTY YEARS AGO, IT WAS WITH A PROMISE. A PROMISE FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR WORLD. AND WE KNEW WHAT STOOD IN OUR WAY...

OUTSIDERS! THE ALIENS OUT IN THE GALAXY WHO HAD INFILTRATED OUR WORLD. THEY ARE STILL AMONG US, STILL UNDERMINING OUR SUCCESS, OUR HAPPINESS. BUT NO LONGER.

FOR TOMORROW IS LAUNCH DAY AND WHEN TOMORROW COMES, THE OUTSIDERS WILL NO LONGER BE A THREAT TO THE PEOPLE OF ALIBAR. REJOICE, MY FRIENDS, TOMORROW YOUR PROBLEMS END.

IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HE'S KIDDING.

SO WHATEVER THAT THING IN SPACE IS, IT LAUNCHES TOMORROW.

WE NEED MORE INFORMATION. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT HIDING IN ALLEYS.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR OLD SHIPMATE?

REMEMBER THE COP? HE TOLD US TO GO REGISTER. IF YCIL STILL LIVES HERE...

...THEN MAYBE HE'S REGISTERED. GOOD IDEA.

MALLOY TO MERCER, WE'RE APPROACHING THE THING...

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

WELL, IT'S HARD TO SAY FOR SURE...

...BUT IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE A GIANT WEAPON.

LAUNCH DAY PART 2

TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE. EVEN THIS CLOSE...

...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A READING ON WHAT'S INSIDE.

WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO KNOW? IT'S A BIG DANGEROUS BALL.

WE HAVE TO BE SURE IT IS A WEAPON...

...SO YOU'VE GOT TO TRY TO FIND SOME WAY ONBOARD.

ED, THERE COULD BE A THOUSAND TROOPS INSIDE. AND WE DON'T HAVE BLUE SKIN.

I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO PREVENT THE KRILL FROM OBLITERATING THIS PLANET.

GET ME AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU CAN. MERCER OUT.

WHAT DO WE DO?

FIND A DOOR.

LOOKS LIKE THE PARTY'S GETTING STARTED.

TRANSLATOR SAYS THIS IS THE REGISTRATION OFFICE...

EXCUSE ME...

WE'RE CLOSING SOON, IT'S LAUNCH DAY.

WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIND SOMEONE.

WHAT'S THE NAME?

YCIL.

YCIL WHAT?

UH... I DON'T HAVE ANOTHER NAME.

WELL, AT LEAST YOU'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO THE THREE MILLION PEOPLE NAMED YCIL. GOODBYE.

WAIT...

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PLANETARY UNION FLEET TWENTY YEARS AGO.

I'M SURE YOU KEEP TRACK OF ANYONE WHO WAS EVER OFF PLANET, RIGHT?

OF COURSE WE DO. I'LL CHECK THE FILES.

GOOD CALL.

FIGURED THEY'RE SO PARANOID ABOUT OUTSIDERS, THEY HAD TO KEEP TRACK OF THAT.

NOW WE JUST HAVE TO FIND THIS ADDRESS.

LOOKS LIKE A MAINTENANCE HATCH.

QUESTION IS, WHAT HAPPENS IF WE TRY TO DOCK? THEY'VE GOT TO DETECT US THEN.

I'M NOT DETECTING ANY SENSOR ARRAYS NEARBY, BUT EVEN SO I GOT AN IDEA...

THAT THING'S PUTTING OUT SO MUCH QUANTUM INTERFERENCE, IF WE MATCH OUR QUANTUM ENGINE'S OUTPUT TO THEIR FREQUENCY, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DETECT US.

"SHOULDN'T"? OR "WON'T"?

STAND BY TO DOCK.

YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION.

WE'RE DOCKED.

THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

WE HAVEN'T OPENED THE DOOR YET.

MANUAL LOCK. LOOKS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. READY?

NO.

WHOOSH

LIKE I THOUGHT, MAINTENANCE TUNNEL.

WONDER IF ANYONE'S HOME.

WONDER IF ANYONE'S HOME.

WHO'S OUT THERE?

LOOKS LIKE IT.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YCIL.

HE'S DEAD. WHAT DID YOU WANT WITH HIM?

OH NO, I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT. WERE YOU HIS MOTHER?

YES. SO WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANTED FROM HIM...

I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING FROM HIM. I'M AN... OLD FRIEND.

YCIL DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.

WELL, LIKE I SAID, WE WERE OLD FRIENDS. FROM AROUND THE TIME HE WAS IN THE UNION FLEET.

DON'T BRING THAT UP.

OKAY, BUT... DO YOU MIND IF WE ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?

IT'S LAUNCH DAY, DON'T YOU HAVE SOME PLACE TO BE BESIDES BOTHERING AN OLD LADY ABOUT HER DEAD SON?

NO.

FINE, COME IN.

"COMMANDER, I AM DETECTING NEW READINGS..."

...THE KRILL SHIPS HAVE ACTIVATED THEIR QUANTUM DRIVES.

LIEUTENANT KEYALI, RAISE THEM.

YOU'RE ON, SIR.

CAPTAIN KRATOK, WHY ARE YOU POWERING UP YOUR ENGINES?

I HAVE DECIDED WE HAVE WAITED LONG ENOUGH.

THAT IS NOT YOUR DECISION TO MAKE.

AND WHO IS GOING TO STOP ME FROM MAKING IT?

ME.

YOU ARE ONE SHIP. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP MY FLEET.

THAT IS CORRECT. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP YOUR FLEET, BUT WE WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO YOUR SHIP BEFORE WE ARE DESTROYED.

SO, SOME OF OUR SHIPS WILL RECEIVE DAMAGE...

NOT "SOME SHIPS." YOUR SHIP.

LIEUTENANT, PLEASE GIVE THE COMMANDER A STATUS REPORT.

ALL THE *ORVILLE'S* WEAPONS ARE LOCKED ON TO COMMANDER KRATOK'S SHIP...

...SPECIFICALLY THE SHIP'S BRIDGE.

I WILL CONSIDER A SLIGHT DELAY.

KRATOK OUT.

NICE JOB, COMMANDER.

YOU AS WELL, LIEUTENANT.

YOU WANT ME TO LOCK ALL OUR WEAPONS ON TO HIS SHIP NOW, IN CASE HE DECIDES NOT TO DELAY?

THAT WOULD BE ADVISABLE. I HOPE THE CAPTAIN AND THE OTHERS MAKE SOME PROGRESS SOON.

WE HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS AT ALL.

IS THIS WHOLE THING MAINTENANCE TUNNELS? SHOULDN'T WE BE CLIMBING OUT OF AN AIR VENT INTO SOMEONE'S QUARTERS AND WAKING UP A HALF-DRESSED BLUE LADY?

I'M NOT READING ANY VENTS...

BUT I AM DETECTING THE SOURCE OF THE QUANTUM INTERFERENCE.

MAYBE WE GO TO IT AND WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT IT'S HIDING.

I HOPE IT'S HIDING A KITCHEN. I'M STARVING.

...SO YOU KNEW YCIL WHEN HE LEFT THE UNION FLEET?

YES. I REMEMBER HE DIDN'T WANT TO RESIGN.

THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT. HE HATED PRET, GOT HIM INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE.

PRET?

YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE LEADER OF OUR PLANET FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS?

OH, THAT PRET.

HOW DID YCIL DIE?

HE STOPPED TAKING CARE OF HIMSELF. ALWAYS WANTED TO LEAVE ALIBAR AGAIN, BUT THAT WASN'T AN OPTION. I DON'T KNOW IF HE WAS BITTER BECAUSE HE GOT SICK, OR GOT SICK BECAUSE HE WAS BITTER. IN ANY CASE, MEDICINE ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE AND HE DIED.

IT'S SUCH A SHAME.

IT'S A SHAME HE COULDN'T KEEP HIMSELF ALIVE FOR LAUNCH DAY, WHEN ALL OUR PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED.

UH... YEAH... THAT IS THE SHAME OF IT.

HE JUST COULDN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE INVADERS WERE KILLING US. INVADERS HE HELPED BRING INTO OUR WORLD BY BEING PART OF THAT UNION.

AND, LAUNCH DAY WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT... RIGHT?

WELL, THEY WOULDN' T HAVE PUT ALL OUR MONEY INTO THE QUANTUM SHIFTER IF IT WASN'T GOING TO WORK, RIGHT?

RIGHT, OF COURSE.

I'LL GET US SOME REFRESHMENTS. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

THIS ALL SOUNDS LIKE A FAMILIAR PATTERN. BLAMING THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR THE ILLS OF SOCIETY...

AND THE GOVERNMENT USING THAT FEAR TO JUSTIFY SOME KIND OF MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

RIGHT, BUT HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A "QUANTUM SHIFTER"?

NO, BUT MAYBE JOHN HAS...

MERCER TO LAMARR, ANY UPDATE?

WELL, WE'VE FOUND THE ENGINE CORE...

IT'S THE BIGGEST QUANTUM REACTOR I'VE EVER SEEN. IT'S THE CAUSE OF ALL THE INTERFERENCE.

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BUILD SOMETHING THIS BIG... JUST TO HIDE SOMETHING ELSE.

I DON'T THINK IT IS HIDING ANYTHING.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I THINK IT'S A SIDE EFFECT OF ITS FUNCTION. THIS WHOLE STATION IS ONE GIANT QUANTUM ENGINE, AND IT JUST NATURALLY PUTS OUT THAT MUCH INTERFERENCE.

THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY QUARTERS, OR ANYTHING INDICATING A CREW. BUT WHAT'S IT FOR?

WAIT A SECOND... JOHN, IS THAT ENGINE BIG ENOUGH TO SHIFT THIS WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM TO ANOTHER QUANTUM PLANE OF EXISTENCE?

THEORETICALLY. BUT WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THAT?

THE LEADERS, THEY CAME TO POWER TWENTY YEARS AGO. THEY'VE STOKED FEAR AND PARANOIA AMONG THE PEOPLE TO KEEP THEMSELVES IN POWER.

THAT'S WHY THEY WITHDREW FROM THE UNION.

THEY COULD ISOLATE THE SOCIETY, AND BLAME OUTSIDERS FOR THE FACT THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT DOESN'T CARE FOR THEM ANYMORE...

...AND THEY'RE ABOUT TO TAKE ISOLATIONISM TO A RIDICULOUS LENGTH, AND BUILD A WALL AROUND THEIR WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM.

CAPTAIN, THERE'S JUST BEEN A SPIKE IN THE POWER READINGS. LOOKS LIKE WHATEVER THIS THING WAS BUILT TO DO...

...IT'S ABOUT TO DO IT. I ESTIMATE TWO HOURS.

GORDON, JOHN, GET OUT OF THERE AND COME PICK US UP.

ON OUR WAY...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OH, WE'RE GOING TO A PARTY.

FOR LAUNCH DAY.

I DON'T THINK SO.

WE WILL NEED TO SEE YOUR IDENTIFICATION.

I LEFT IT IN MY OTHER PANTS.

ME TOO.

INVADERS! YOU'RE GOING AWAY FOREVER!

YEAH, LADY, SO ARE YOU.

QUIET.

"COMMANDER BORTUS, I HAVE NEW READINGS..."

...THE QUANTUM INTERFERENCE HAS INCREASED TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT.

AND THE KRILL SHIPS ARE MOVING TOWARD US.

LT. KEYALI, RAISE KRATOK.

WE MUST PROTECT OUR PEOPLE. SO IF YOU STAND IN OUR WAY, YOU CAN TAKE ME WITH YOU, BUT MY FLEET IS PROCEEDING...

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, WE WILL JOIN YOU.

WE ALSO HAVE A PEOPLE TO PROTECT, AND THE READINGS INDICATE ACTION IS NECESSARY.

VERY WELL. THEN STAND WITH US...

"...AND MAY AVIS GUIDE OUR WAY."

THE GREAT MOMENT IS UPON US. IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, WE WILL BE LIVING IN OUR OWN UNIVERSE...

...IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, ALL THREATS TO OUR PEOPLE WILL BE GONE. IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, WE WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO LIVE AS WE WERE MEANT TO LIVE.

SO I GUESS WE HAVE LESS THAN AN HOUR TO GET OUT OF HERE.

SOUNDS LIKE IT.

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYTIME SOON.

WHO ARE YOU?

INSPECTOR BAGLISH. AND WHO ARE YOU?

I'M SURE YOU'RE ABOUT TO TELL US.

YES...

...THIS IS UNION EQUIPMENT. YOU'RE INVADERS FROM THE UNION. THERE'S NO POINT IN DENYING IT.

WE KNEW WE COULDN'T KEEP IT A SECRET. SHOULD WE TELL HIM THE REST?

YOU... GO AHEAD.

THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT AT THE UNION. WE'RE TAKING OVER.

WHY?

WE... CAN'T STAND YOUR WAY OF LIFE.

WELL, YOU'RE TOO LATE. WE'LL BE OUT OF REACH IN A FEW MINUTES.

YOU WOULD'VE BEEN, IF WE HADN'T SABOTAGED THE QUANTUM SHIFTER.

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.

WE DON'T CARE IF YOU BELIEVE US...

...AND WHEN THE QUANTUM SHIFTER LAYS A HUGE GALACTIC FART, I'M GOING TO ENJOY TELLING LEADER PRET THAT YOU KNEW AHEAD OF TIME AND DID NOTHING ABOUT IT.

GET 'EM OUT.

BUT, SIR...

NOW!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

TO OUR GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

CAN WE JUST STOP FOR A SECOND?

WHY?

WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE ON THE STREET, I WANT TO MAKE SURE MY HELMSMAN HAS A CLEAR SHOT.

WHAT...?

COMSCANNERS LED US RIGHT TO YOU. BUT GLAD YOU CAME OUTSIDE, WE WERE ABOUT TO STORM THE PLACE.

NO.

REALLY?

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

JOHN, TRY TO RAISE THE *ORVILLE.*

SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD, CAPTAIN...

"...THEY'RE PRETTY CLOSE BY."

BORTUS, GET US ONBOARD, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE.

THE KRILL FLEET IS MOVING TO ATTACK THE WEAPON.

IT'S NOT A WEAPON. PATCH ME THROUGH TO KRATOK.

...IT'S A QUANTUM SHIFTER. IT'S GOING TO REMOVE THIS WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM FROM OUR GALAXY.

YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE SUCH FAIRY TALES?

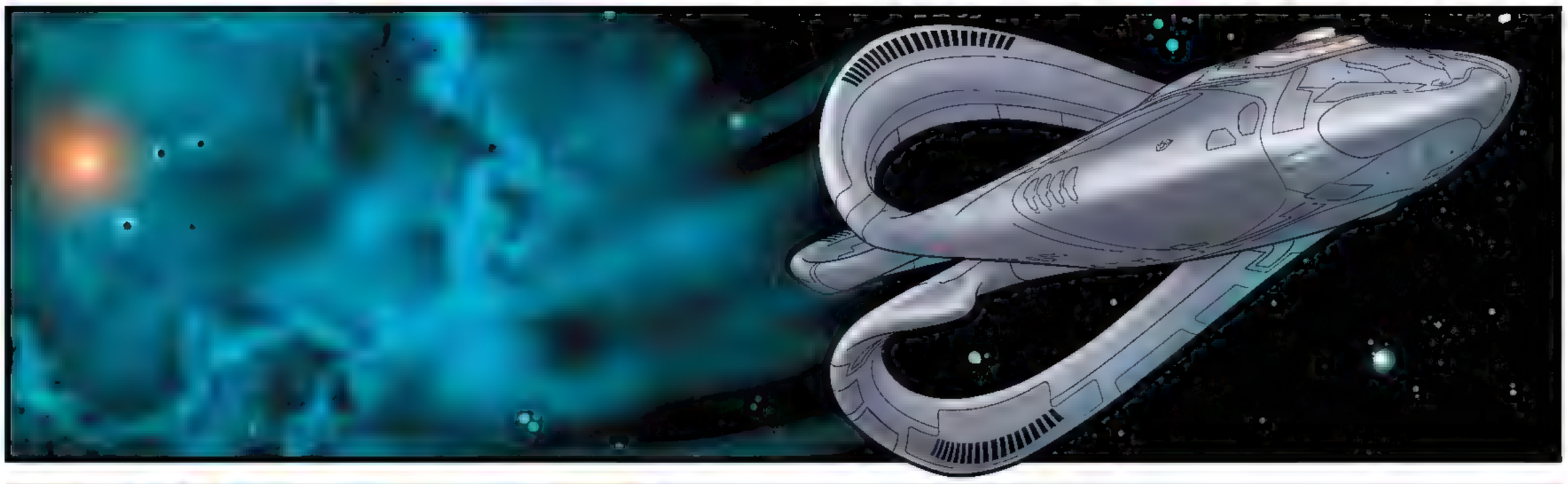
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S THE TRUTH.

AND I'M TELLING YOU, WHATEVER IT IS, MY SHIPS AND I ARE GOING TO DESTROY IT.

YOU CAN WITHDRAW LIKE A COWARD. GOODBYE, CAPTAIN.

WE'RE DOCKED, SIR.

BORTUS, TAKE US OUT OF THE SYSTEM, MAXIMUM SPEED.



THE QUANTUM SHIFTER HAS ACTIVATED...
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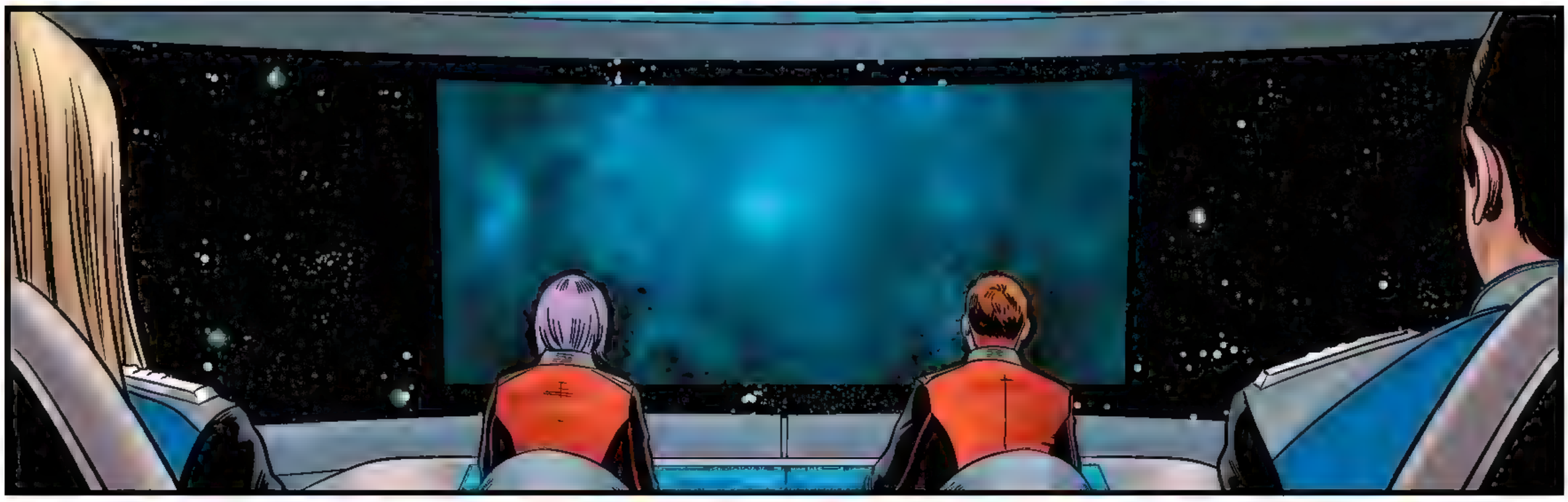

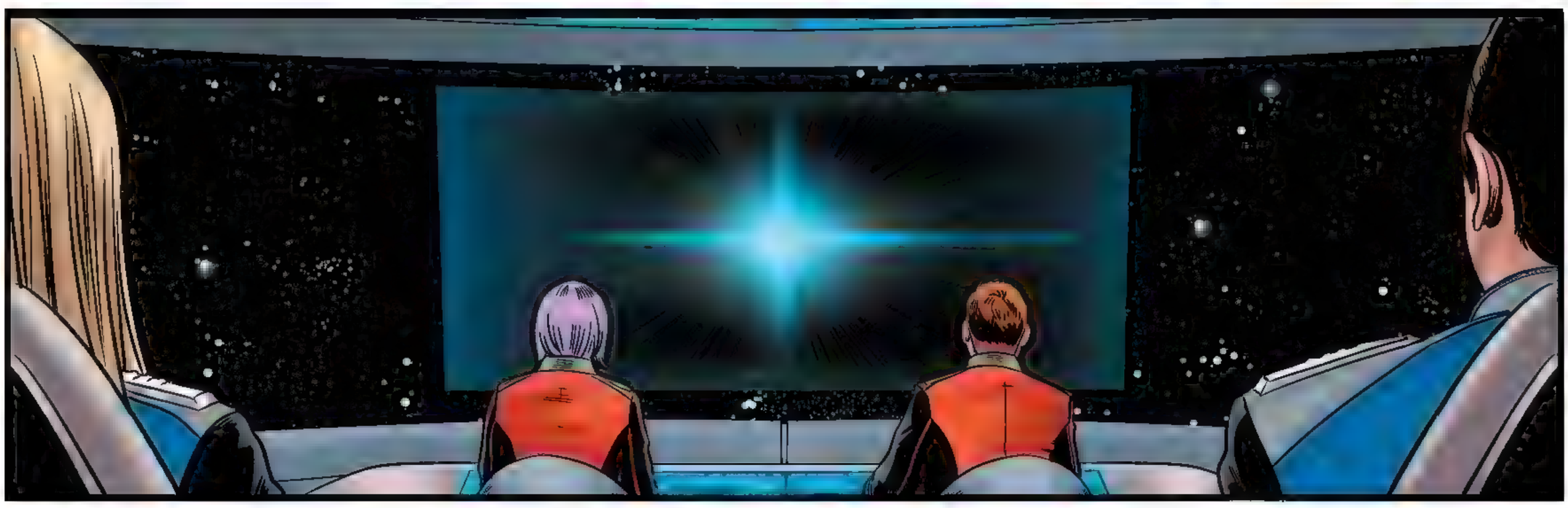

THEY DID IT. THEY BUILT A WALL AROUND THEIR WHOLE WORLD.
YEAH. AND THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT IT WON'T SOLVE ANY OF THEIR OLD PROBLEMS.

PLUS THEY'VE GOT A BIG NEW ONE...

"COMMANDER, THE DEVICE IS DESTROYED."

IT WAS CLEARLY BUILT TO BE USED ONCE.

AND WHERE ARE WE?

EXCEPT FOR ALIBAR, THERE ARE NO OTHER STARS.

PERHAPS THE UNION CAPTAIN WAS TELLING THE TRUTH.

IF THAT IS THE CASE, IF THIS IS A DIFFERENT REALITY, AND THIS IS THE ONLY PLANET, THEN WE KNOW WHAT THE ANKHANA SAYS.

"INVADE AND CONQUER!"

HEROES PART 1

This episode takes place between seasons two and three of The Orville.

FOURTH PLANET CIRCLING THE SUN DESIGNATED HR 5070.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

"THE GENERAL STOOD OVER THE LITTLE GIRL...

"...AND SAID, 'NOW, YOU WILL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.' AS THE GENERAL BROUGHT HIS SWORD UP, A VOICE CAME FROM ABOVE, AND SAID, 'WHAT SHE DESERVES IS AN APOLOGY.' THE GENERAL AND THE LITTLE GIRL LOOKED UP, AND STANDING ON TOP OF THE BUILDING...

"...STOOD XANDIA, HERO OF THE OKUDUM..."

IT'S SUCH AN EXCITING STORY. I WISH I COULD STAY TO HEAR THE END OF IT.

YOU HAVE TO GO?

I'M SORRY.

MOTHER, GET HER TO STAY! SHE'S GOT TO HEAR HOW XANDIA WAS A FARM GIRL LIKE ME, WHO STOOD UP TO FREE OUR PEOPLE.

AKI, TALLA ALREADY KNOWS.

EVERY OKUDUM KNOWS THE STORY OF XANDIA.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY FOR A LONELY TRAVELER.

PLEASE COME BACK AGAIN SOON.

YES, PLEASE...

I'LL TRY.

"WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU ABOARD, ENSIGN..."

SCV-618 WILSON

...DID YOU DISCOVER WHY THEY'RE PHYSICALLY SO SIMILAR TO XELAYANS?

NO, SIR. THERE ARE NO APPARENT SIMILARITIES TO XELAYA CULTURALLY...

...AND NO TRACE OF THE INCREASED STRENGTH THAT WOULD COME FROM BEING BORN ON OUR HOME WORLD. THERE HAVE BEEN THEORIES THAT SUGGEST XELAYA WAS VISITED IN ITS PREHISTORY, AND THAT OUR RACE WAS SEEDED ON OTHER WORLDS.

THAT PROBABLY ANSWERS THE NEXT QUESTION ABOUT THE DYSONIUM DEPOSIT.

THE OKUDUM HAVE A VERY PEACEFUL, IDYLLIC SOCIETY. MINING DYSONIUM WOULD BE VERY DISRUPTIVE.

YOU SEEM QUITE TAKEN WITH THE PLACE.

WELL, I WOULD JUST HATE TO SEE SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL DESTROYED.

WELL, ENSIGN, GOOD WORK. AND YOU'RE NOW THE ONLY LIVING EXPERT ON THE OKUDUM.

THAT'S RIGHT. ANY SHIP THAT COMES BACK HERE IS GOING TO NEED YOU TO TELL THEM WHAT'S WHAT.

SO TALLA, GIVEN WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING ON HERE?

FIVE YEARS LATER.

I HAVE NO IDEA, SIR. THE NATIVES HAD NO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. IT'S INCONCEIVABLE THAT IN FIVE YEARS THEY'D BE ABLE TO DEVELOP...

"...A QUANTUM REACTOR."

ISAAC, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE A SPACESHIP OF SOME KIND. BUT IT IS NOT A CONFIGURATION I AM FAMILIAR WITH.

WELL, WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE.

I'LL POINT OUT, CAPTAIN, THAT WHEN CAPTAIN MOSLEY SENT ME DOWN, I WENT ALONE BECAUSE OF MY PHYSICAL SIMILARITY TO THE NATIVES.

YOU WERE PREVENTING EXPOSURE TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. THEY'VE GOT A QUANTUM REACTOR DOWN THERE NOW.

STILL, WE CAN COVER OUR HEADS. KELLY, YOU HAVE THE BRIDGE. HAVE DR. FINN AND LAMARR MEET US IN MAIN SHUTTLEBAY.

AYE, SIR...

WE'LL TAKE A LOW-LEVEL FLYBY FIRST, SEE WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH.

AYE, SIR. ACTIVATING CLOAK.

HOW LONG WERE YOU ON THE PLANET, TALLA?

A FEW DAYS. IT WAS LOVELY. THEY LIVE OFF THE LAND, TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT. IT SHOWED ME THAT YOU DON'T NEED TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE A PARADISE.

MAYBE. BUT ONE THING YOU CAN BE SURE OF...

...TECHNOLOGY CAN DO A GOOD JOB OF SCREWING ONE UP.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

SOME KIND OF MINING OPERATION.

CLAIRE, CHECK THE DATABASE, SEE WHAT WE HAVE ON THAT SPECIES.

DATABASE SAYS THEY'RE THE NAZH. NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNION.

WE NEED MORE INFORMATION. JOHN AND I WILL GET CLOSER TO THAT SHIP. TALLA, TAKE DR. FINN AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THOSE PEOPLE YOU STAYED WITH.

AYE, SIR.

HEY, HOW ABOUT A SIP OF THAT...

YOU CAN GET IT FROM THE WELL YOURSELF.

WE DON'T WANT IT FROM THE WELL.

IT TASTES BETTER FROM YOUR BUCKET.

SO, ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME A TASTE?

YOU HEARD HER...

THERE'S PLENTY OF WATER IN THE WELL. YOU NEED ME TO SHOW YOU?

NO.

TALLA, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU!

I BARELY RECOGNIZED YOU, AKI, YOU'RE SO GROWN UP.

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

THIS IS MY FRIEND, CLAIRE. CAN WE TALK TO YOU AND YOUR PARENTS?

YES, COME, WE SHOULDN'T BE OUTSIDE TOO LONG...

THIS IS PROBABLY AS CLOSE AS WE SHOULD GET.

THAT'S DEFINITELY DYSONIUM IN THAT WHEELBARROW.

THEY DON'T GOT A TON OF MACHINERY FOR DIGGING IT OUT.

SLAVE LABOR SAVES ON THE WEAR AND TEAR OF YOUR EQUIPMENT.

ESPECIALLY WHEN THE LABOR'S DISPOSABLE. WORKING DYSONIUM ORE WITH YOUR HANDS IS GOING TO MAKE YOU REAL SICK, REAL FAST.

THEY CAME ABOUT A YEAR AGO, AND SAID WE HAD TO WORK IN THEIR MINE.

OUR LEADERS STOOD UP TO THEM AND WERE KILLED.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

I'M NOT SICK, I JUST NEED SOME REST.

THEY HAVE SAID THEY WILL LEAVE WHEN THEY HAVE FINISHED MINING THE ORE.

WHAT?

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT COULD TAKE A LONG TIME. WE THINK THERE'S A LOT OF IT.

"WE"?

IT'S A LONG STORY.

YOU SHOULD LEAVE. IF ILIS FINDS YOU, HE'LL PUT YOU TO WORK TOO.

ILIS?

THE FOREMAN. HE IS A BUTCHER.

YOU UP THERE!

UH-OH.

TIME TO GO...

YUP.

GET AFTER THEM!

HALT!

THEY'RE FAST! WE MAY NOT OUTRUN THEM...

I'M ON IT. RIGHT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT BIG ROCK.

WE'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS WE CAN.

HERE, I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING.

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GIVE IT TO ME?

IT'S FOR KIDS. I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.

WE SHOULD GO.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR EXCUSES.

FOREMAN, PLEASE, JUST LOOK...

THE FOOTPRINTS END.

HMMM.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT MEANS WE MAY HAVE MEDDLERS.

"ED, I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION..."

...BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. THE NAZH AREN'T IN THE UNION, AND THEY ARE NOTORIOUSLY UNINTERESTED IN WHAT WE THINK.

BUT SIR, THEY'VE ALL BUT ENSLAVED THE OKUDUM.

YES, BUT IF YOU INTERFERE WITH THEIR OPERATION, THEY COULD VERY EASILY SEE IT AS AN ACT OF WAR.

...AND THE UNION DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE ENEMIES RIGHT NOW.

EXACTLY.

WE CAN'T JUST ABANDON THESE PEOPLE!

ADMIRAL, I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO GO TO THE NAZH HOMEWORLD, AND SEE IF WE CAN OPEN TALKS.

REQUEST DENIED.

YOU NEED TO GET TO THE OUTPOST ON ROCHELLE BEFORE SANDSTORM SEASON BEGINS. I'LL PURSUE THE DIPLOMATIC ROUTE FROM HERE. PERRY OUT.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S THAT.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING?

WE HAVE OUR ORDERS.

WE'VE VIOLATED ORDERS BEFORE, CAPTAIN--

TALLA, THAT'S ENOUGH.

SIR, MAYBE IF WE CONFRONTED THE NAZH.

YEAH, THESE GUYS MAY NOT EVEN HAVE THEIR GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION TO BE HERE.

WE CONVINCE THEM TO LEAVE AND THEN WHAT? THEY JUST COME BACK WHEN WE'RE GONE.

WE CAN'T JUST GIVE UP!

SOMETIMES THERE'S NO SOLUTION. WE CAN'T ALWAYS BE THE HEROES!

BULLSHIT!

CRAAACK

WE'RE GONNA NEED A NEW TABLE.

TALLA?

WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE ALL RIGHT.

THANKS, I APPRECIATE IT.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A BOOK MY FRIEND AKI GAVE ME. XANDIA IS A FOLK HERO OF THE OKUDUM. SHE HELPED FREE THEM FROM A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

IT'S TOO BAD SHE'S NOT REAL.

THEY COULD USE HER RIGHT NOW.

BEEP

COME IN.

LIEUTENANT.

CAPTAIN... I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY BEHAVIOR. IT WAS UNCALLED FOR.

FORGET IT. WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE. I REALLY WISH THERE WAS MORE WE COULD DO, TOO.

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WAS GOING TO TAKE A FEW DAYS' LEAVE. I COULD USE A LITTLE TIME OFF.

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

THANKS. ALSO... DR. FINN AND COMMANDER LAMARR ARE COMING WITH ME.

I SEE. I FEEL LIKE I WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS... BUT ALSO DON'T WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS.

PROBABLY WISE, SIR.

HAVE A GOOD TRIP.

GET UP!

HE'S LATE FOR HIS SHIFT.

HE NEEDS REST!

HE CAN REST WHEN HE'S DEAD.

YOU'LL KILL HIM!

DON'T TOUCH ME!

AHHH!

YOU DESERVE MORE THAN THAT!

I AGREE. SHE AT LEAST DESERVES AN APOLOGY.

XANDIA...?

IN THE FLESH.

HEROES PART 2

"THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT AT YOU..."

27 HOURS AGO.

...WHICH IS WHY I MADE THIS OUT OF MOCLAN BODY ARMOR, WITH SOME ADDED REINFORCEMENT. THEIR WEAPONS AREN'T AS POWERFUL AS OURS, SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE A FEW SHOTS, NO PROBLEM. BUT THE THING I'M REALLY PROUD OF...

...IS THE SWORD. MADE IT FROM A PIECE OF HULL PLATING...

"...CAN CUT THROUGH ALMOST ANYTHING."

DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH A SWORD?

A LITTLE...

"...BUT I CAN IMPROVISE."

I AM XANDIA, THE PROTECTOR OF THESE PEOPLE. TELL ILIS I SAID...

...TO GET OFF OUR WORLD. GO!

ARE YOU REALLY...?

I AM REALLY A FRIEND. TAKE CARE OF YOUR FATHER.

I DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT XANDIA COULD FLY... OR EVEN THAT SHE WAS REAL.

OH, SHE'S REAL...

AND I KNOW WHO SHE IS.

"NO BROKEN BONES..."

...LOOKS LIKE THE ARMOR DID ITS JOB.

THE QUESTION IS, DID THEY BUY IT?

EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T...

THEY'LL BE COMING AFTER ME. WHICH IS WHAT WE WANT.

"SHE DID WHAT?"

MMMMMM

SHE SLICED OUR WEAPONS WITH HER SWORD.

AND YOU NEEDED WEAPONS TO DEFEAT ONE WOMAN?

SHE WAS UNUSUALLY STRONG. SHE THREW ME WITH ONE HAND SEVERAL METERS.

WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS ATTACK UNANSWERED. ALL WE NEED IS FOR THE OKUDUM TO THINK THEY CAN FIGHT BACK. DEPLOY THE JUGGERNAUT.

YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS.

WE WILL FIND HER AND CAPTURE HER.

NO, YOU IDIOT...

YOU WILL FIND HER AND KILL HER.

LOOKS LIKE THEY GOT THEMSELVES AN RV.

I'VE GOT TO LEAD THAT TANK AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE. IT SHOULD ALSO CREATE ENOUGH OF A DIVERSION FOR YOU TWO TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO.

THAT COSTUME ISN'T GOING TO PROTECT YOU FROM THAT TANK'S GUN.

DON'T NEED TO REMIND ME.

IF YOU'RE HIDING THE ONE CALLED XANDIA, YOU WILL PAY WITH YOUR LIFE!

YOU'RE LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE!

HI! HOW'S IT GOING?

GET US UP THERE! BRING THE MAIN GUN AROUND.

YOU GUYS READY?

WE'RE IN POSITION...

...JOHN'S GOT A DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT TO THE DRILL.

GOOD. I SHOULD HAVE EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION...

...IN JUST A COUPLE OF SECONDS.

FIRE!

UH, SIR...

PROBABLY WANT TO TELL THEM TO DROP THEIR GUNS.

DROP YOUR GUNS!

THEY'VE FOUND HER! COME ON!

THEY'RE DISTRACTED.

I'M IN. JUST NEED A FEW SECONDS TO ALTER THE DRILL'S OPERATING SYSTEM... AND BOOM!

YOU MEANT THAT LITERALLY.
WHAT?
BOOM.
WHAT HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW, SIR, SOME KIND OF OVERLOAD.
FOREMAN ILIS, THE JUGGERNAUT IS RETURNING.
WHAT IN BLAZES...

THERE'S A NOTE ON HIS CHEST.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

"ILIS, YOU'RE NEXT."

UHHHH...

IDLE THREATS. UNTIE THEM, AND REPAIR THAT DRILL. I'LL BE IN MY QUARTERS.

YES SIR.

GET MY NOTE?

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?

IT WASN'T THAT HARD.

JUST AS WELL. I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF...

WILL YOU NOW?

I GUESS I'VE BEEN TOO SUBTLE. WHAT PART OF "LEAVE THIS PLANET NOW" DIDN'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

I WON'T LEAVE.

OH, YOU WON'T? WHY NOT?

BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE IN YOU.

YOU ARE CLEARLY FROM A PLANET WITH A HEAVIER GRAVITY, YOU ALSO HAVE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, AN INVISIBLE SHIP OF SOME KIND, AND ADVANCED BODY ARMOR.

ALL THIS MAY IMPRESS THESE PRIMITIVE OKUDUM, BUT NOT ME. YOU BELONG TO SOME CIVILIZATION, SOME PEACE-LOVING GROUP THAT DOESN'T BELIEVE IN KILLING. MY MEN HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KILL YOU SINCE THE FIRST MOMENT THEY SAW YOU, YET YOU'VE AVOIDED KILLING ANY OF THEM. SO DESPITE YOUR THREATS, YOU WON'T KILL ME.

YOU CAN'T BE SURE OF THAT.

I'M NOT.

BUT WHAT I AM SURE OF IS IF I ABANDON THIS OPERATION, MY SUPERIORS ON NAZH WILL CERTAINLY EXECUTE ME. SO I HAVE NO CHOICE. I HAVE TO STAY.

KILL ME IF YOU CAN.

I WON'T KILL YOU...

CRSSHHH

...TONIGHT AT LEAST.

"HE'S SMARTER THAN HE LOOKS..."

...IF WE CAN'T CONVINCE HIM TO LEAVE WITHOUT KILLING HIM, THEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

DOESN'T LEAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS.

THERE'S ONE. I CAN STAY.

WHAT? THAT'S INSANE.

YEAH, COME ON, YOU'RE GOING TO DO WHAT? LIVE HERE AND BE THEIR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN?

THE CAPTAIN WAS RIGHT. I TRIED TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND JUST MADE THINGS WORSE.

LIKE IT OR NOT, WHEN I PUT ON THIS COSTUME I MADE A COMMITMENT TO THESE PEOPLE. I HAVE TO HELP THEM FIGHT. BUT YOU TWO SHOULD GO BACK.

WELL, I'M NOT LEAVING. AND WE BOTH OUTRANK YOU, SO YOU CAN'T ORDER US.

WE STILL HAVE A FEW DAYS LEFT BEFORE WE'RE AWOL, MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.

"I THINK I KNOW WHO SHE IS..."

LAST WEEK, I TOLD A LOCAL GIRL TO FETCH ME SOME WATER. ANOTHER VILLAGER INTERFERED. WHEN XANDIA ACCOSTED ME ON THE JUGGERNAUT, I KNEW IT WAS HER. I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS, BUT THE GIRL DOES.

EXCELLENT.

"YOU'RE LOOKING SO MUCH BETTER, FATHER."

I JUST NEEDED A LITTLE REST.

AND HE NEEDS TO EAT. GO GET THAT WATER SO I CAN PREPARE SUPPER.

YES, MOTHER.

IT'S LATE, I SHOULD GO.

DON'T WORRY, IT'S SAFE, WITH "XANDIA" LOOKING AFTER US.

TALLA, YOU BETTER COME TAKE A LOOK.

IS THAT YOUR FRIEND'S HOUSE?

OH NO...

WHERE IS THE GIRL?

WE DON'T KNOW!

FINE.

OH MY GOD...

I JUST WENT OUT TO GET SOME WATER.

AKI, I'M SORRY--

AHHHHH!

TAKE HER BACK TO THE SHIP.

OHHHH...

THIS IS YOUR SAVIOR...

SHE IS NO HERO. SHE HAS MADE YOUR LIVES WORSE. SHE DESTROYED THE DRILL, SO THINK OF HER AS YOU ALL HAVE TO DIG WITH YOUR HANDS...

...HER DEATH SHOULD BE SOMETHING YOU WILL CELEBRATE.

IN A MOMENT, THIS ENGINE WILL BE TURNED ON, AND SHE WILL BE INCINERATED. THE REWARD FOR THE DISCORD SHE CAUSED.

I'LL TAKE OUT THE GUARDS, YOU FREE TALLA.

REMEMBER THE DEATH OF XANDIA! REMEMBER THIS MOMENT-- AHHH!

YOU REALIZE WE'RE ABOUT TO START A WAR WITH THE NAZH?

YEAH. I'M USUALLY SMARTER THAN THIS.

OH MY GOD...

SHE IS NOT XANDIA, I AM! AND WE *WILL* REMEMBER THIS MOMENT!

AHHHH!

AKI... NO.

SSHTUMP

YOUR LEADERS ARE DEAD. GET ON YOUR SHIP, AND GET OUT. OR THIS FATE AWAITS YOU.

AKI, I'M SO SORRY.

YOU CAN GO.

WE DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE.

"YOU CAN'T HOLD YOURSELF RESPONSIBLE..."

...IF YOU'D DONE NOTHING, WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OKUDUM WOULD HAVE DIED?

WHAT DID WE DO TO THAT POOR GIRL?

WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. THEY DID IT. AND NOW SHE'S THE HERO.

AN OLD BOOK THE CAPTAIN GAVE ME SAID THAT THERE ARE NO HEROES. THAT IN LIFE...

...THE MONSTERS WIN.

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DIGRESSIONS PART 1

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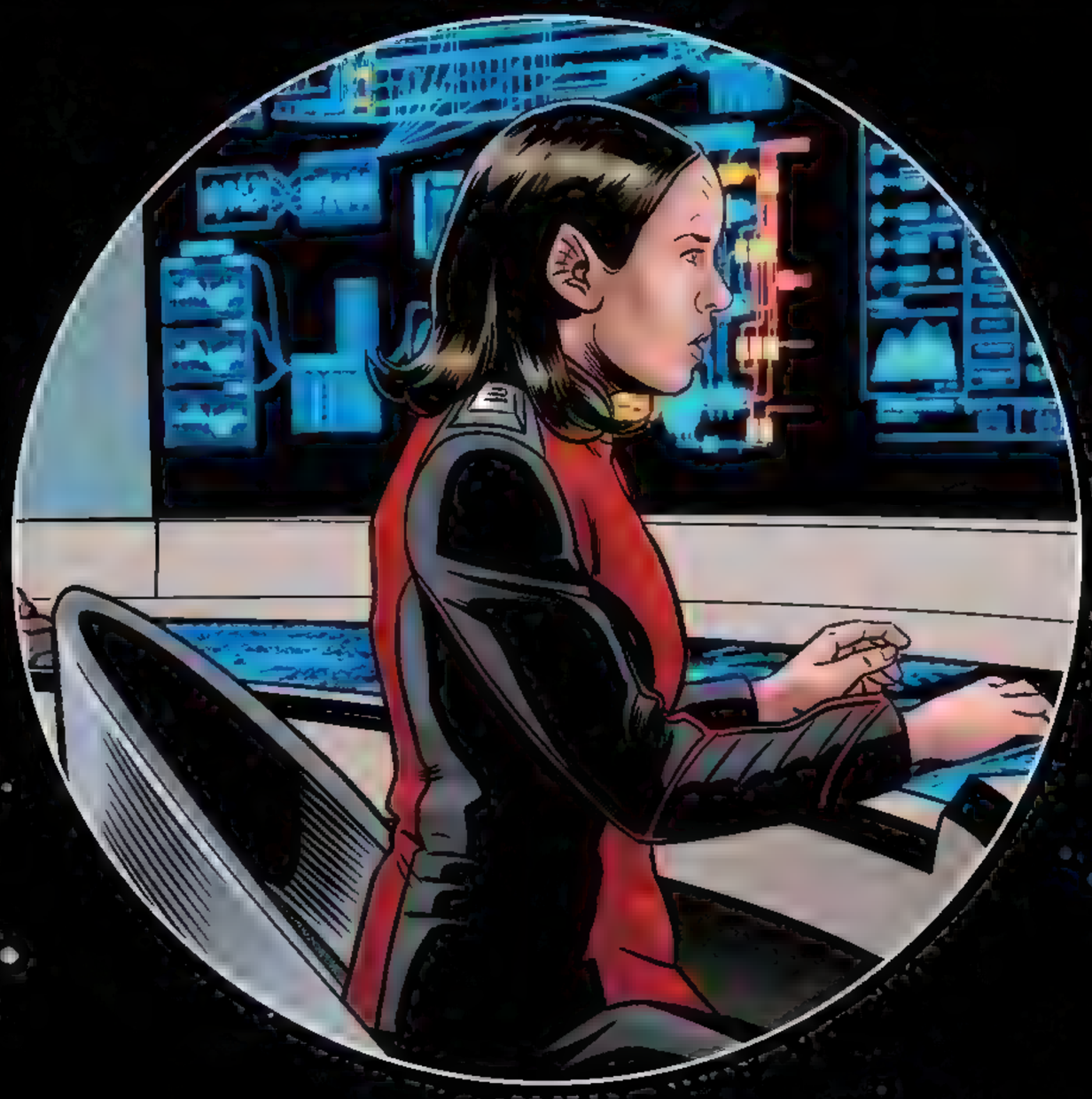

WHO... WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID I GET HERE?

HE WAS A KAYLON, AND HE'D ACCIDENTALLY BROUGHT ME SEVEN YEARS FORWARD IN TIME.

I GOT TO MEET MYSELF, SEVEN YEARS LATER, AND FOUND OUT...

...THAT A GUY I HAD ONE DATE WITH WAS MY CAPTAIN, AND ALSO MY EX-HUSBAND.

MY LIFE HADN'T TURNED OUT EXACTLY AS I THOUGHT. I HAD SOME PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS...

...AND I FOUND MYSELF FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE GUY I HAD ALREADY MARRIED, CHEATED ON, AND DIVORCED.

SINCE THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO SEND ME BACK, THEY GAVE ME A JOB AND FILLED ME IN ON A LOT OF HISTORY.

I THOUGHT I COULD HAVE THIS RELATIONSHIP, BUT I HAD ALREADY HURT HIM, A LOT.

BUT THEN THEY DID FIGURE OUT HOW TO SEND ME BACK. CLAIRE TRIED TO WIPE MY MEMORY, SO I WOULDN'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT, ESPECIALLY HOW MUCH I HURT ED.

THE MEMORY WIPE DIDN'T WORK. AND NOW I'M BACK.

OH, GOD... I REMEMBER IT ALL.

BLEEP BLEEP BLEEP BLEEP

ED... I JUST DON'T SEE US WORKING OUT. I'M...

I'M SORRY.

I THOUGHT NOT SEEING HIM AGAIN WOULD SAVE US PAIN. I WAS WRONG.

COME ON, SHE CAN'T BE THAT GREAT.

OH, SHE'S PRETTY GREAT.

YEAH, I SAW HER, HE'S RIGHT, SHE'S GREAT.

OKAY, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S THE FIRST TIME A WOMAN SAID NO TO YOU FOR A SECOND DATE.

HEY, THANKS, I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER.

WHAT A GREAT BEDSIDE MANNER.

HEY, LIKE MY MOTHER ALWAYS SAID, THERE ARE PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA.

IS YOUR MOTHER SINGLE?

NO, AND I'VE TOLD YOU, SHE'S TRASH.

WELL, AS MY MOTHER SAID, EVERY POT HAS A LID.

AND A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS.

THAT ONE DOESN'T TRACK.

IT DOES FOR ME. I'M TAKING THE FIRST SHIP ASSIGNMENT I CAN GET, EVEN IF IT'S IN THE MESS HALL.

HEY, HEY, HEY, LET'S NOT KNOCK FOOD SERVICE. IT'S AN HONORABLE PROFESSION.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GUY WHO MADE SURE EVERY STEP OF HIS CAREER HAD A PURPOSE?

KELLY GRAYSON IS WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

FIVE YEARS LATER.

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...THOUGHT Y'ALL SHOULD MEET ISAAC, OUR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING OFFICER, FROM KAYLON ONE.

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN...

...GRIFFITH. YOU WILL FIND ME TO BE YOUR MOST CAPABLE OFFICER.

WELL, YOU GOT SOME COMPETITION THERE, WOULDN'T YA SAY, BORTUS?

YES.

NOW, IN CASE Y'ALL HAVEN'T HEARD WHY ENGINEER NEWTON IS IN BLUE, HE'S OUR NEW EXEC, AND LAMARR HERE'S GOING TO BE TAKIN' OVER ENGINEERING. ALL RIGHT, WE GOT A MILK RUN TO EPSILON TWO, SO LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.

HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE PROMOTION.

I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS.

YOU'LL BE GREAT.

THANKS.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

U.S.S. *WATSON.*

"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, OLIX..."

...I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT ASSIGNED TO MY SHIP.

WELL, TRUTH BE TOLD, I HAD A COUPLE OF CHOICES, AND SINCE I KNEW YOU, IT WAS KIND OF A TIPPING POINT. HOW'D YOU END UP HERE?

WELL, I HOPPED AROUND A BUNCH, TRYING TO GET A COMMAND, BUT NO LUCK. I'M SECOND OFFICER HERE, BUT THINGS HAVEN'T REALLY GONE MY WAY.

IT'LL HAPPEN, IT JUST TAKES TIME.

WELL, I'M THINKING OF MAKING A CHANGE ANYWAY. THE CAPTAIN DOESN'T REALLY GET ME.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

SHE SAID, "I DON'T GET YOU."

OH.

YEAH. SO I'VE APPLIED FOR A TRANSFER TO THE U.S.S. *JEFFERSON.* IT'S AN ENGINEERING POST, BUT IT'S A BIGGER SHIP, SO THAT'LL LOOK A LITTLE BETTER ON MY RÉSUMÉ.

LT. COMMANDER MERCER, PLEASE REPORT TO THE CAPTAIN'S OFFICE.

I'M DENYING YOUR REQUEST FOR TRANSFER.

MAY I ASK WHY?

BECAUSE I NEED YOU HERE.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, CAPTAIN, AND SPEAKING BLUNTLY...

...YOU DON'T LIKE ME.

YOU'RE RIGHT, I DON'T. YOU COMPLAIN, YOU THINK WE ALL WANT TO HEAR HOW SCARED YOU ARE, YOU'RE CONSTANTLY MAKING TERRIBLE JOKES...

...AND THE POP CULTURE REFERENCES THAT NO ONE SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND BUT YOU. FIVE-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD MOVIES AND TELEVISION SHOWS THAT NO ONE WATCHES ANYMORE, THAT NO ONE CARES ABOUT ANY-MORE. WHO THE HELL CARES IF TOM FRANKS MADE A MISTAKE FOCUSING ON DRAMA MOVIES BECAUSE HE WAS SUCH A GIFTED COMEDIAN? WHO THE HELL IS TOM FRANKS ANYWAY?

IT WAS TOM HANKS...

I DON'T CARE. NOBODY CARES. AND NOBODY CARES ABOUT THE LAST TIME YOU HAD A DATE, EITHER.

BUT IF YOU FEEL THIS WAY...

I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE YOU. YOU ARE A SMART, CAPABLE OFFICER WHO GETS THE JOB DONE. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS. BESIDES, THERE'S ANOTHER REASON I'M NOT APPROVING YOUR TRANSFER.

SHE'S PROMOTING YOU TO FIRST OFFICER?

YEAH, NEXT MONTH. COMMANDER FELSON IS GETTING HIS OWN COMMAND.

THAT'S A PLOT TWIST I DIDN'T SEE COMING.

ME NEITHER.

YOU DON'T SOUND SO EXCITED. YOU'RE FIRST OFFICER ON A SHIP. I'M STILL STUCK AT A DESK.

WELL, IF THERE'S AN OPENING HERE, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

YOU STILL SEEM DOWN IN THE MOUTH. WAS THE POSITION ON THE JEFFERSON ALL THAT GREAT?

U. S. S. JEFFERSON

Ship's Company

COMMANDING OFFICER

A Mosley

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NO...

U. S. S. JEFFERSON

Ship's Company

A. Mosley

...BUT IT HAD OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

BRIDGE TO ADMIRAL OZAWA.

WHAT IS IT, COMMANDER?

WE'VE RENDEZVOUSED WITH THE *ORVILLE*.

ADMIRAL ON THE BRIDGE.

RAISE THE *ORVILLE.*

ADMIRAL, MOSLEY, GOOD TO SEE YOU BOTH AGAIN.

SAME HERE. HEARD YOU HAD QUITE A BATTLE.

KRILL BATTLESHIP'S NOTHING TO LAUGH AT, BUT WE GOT LUCKY. YOU WANT TO COME ON OVER AND SEE WHAT WE GOT?

COMMANDER, PREP A SHUTTLE FOR THE ADMIRAL.

AYE, SIR...

IT'S BEEN SO LONG, I'D FORGOTTEN...

"IT WAS HIM, THE KAYLON ISAAC..."

...RIGHT THERE ON THE BRIDGE. WITH THOSE OTHER PEOPLE I MET. THIS WHOLE TIME I CONVINCED MYSELF IT WASN'T REAL, BUT IT BROUGHT IT ALL BACK.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

TELL THE ADMIRALTY WHAT HAPPENED. WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

SO... YOU'RE GOING TO CALL THE ADMIRALTY, AND TELL THEM THAT SOMETIME NEXT YEAR THAT KAYLON IS GOING TO TAKE THE *ORVILLE* TO KAYLON PRIME, AND THEN THE KAYLON WILL USE IT TO PENETRATE THE UNION'S DEFENSES AND ATTACK EARTH.

I KNOW, IT SOUNDS CRAZY...

LOOK, I BELIEVE YOU. BUT THEY WON'T. YOU HAVE NO PROOF OF ANY OF IT. YOU CAN'T EVEN SAY EXACTLY WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN. OR IF IT WILL EVEN HAPPEN.

IT DID HAPPEN.

YES, IN THAT OTHER TIMELINE. BUT THAT OTHER TIMELINE IS DIFFERENT.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE OF THAT?

BECAUSE IN THAT TIMELINE, WE WEREN'T MARRIED. YOU KNOW, I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TEACHER ABOARD ANOTHER SHIP, BUT I SAW YOU IN THE TERMINAL, AND CAME OVER TO YOU AND INTRODUCED MYSELF. I FOUND OUT WHAT SHIP YOU WERE ON AND ARRANGED TO GET POSTED ON IT.

I REMEMBER, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT HAS TO DO WITH ANYTHING.

I NEVER TOLD YOU THE NAME OF THE OTHER SHIP. IT WAS THE *ORVILLE.*

WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER TELL ME?

HONESTLY... IT CREEPED ME OUT.

I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IN FATE, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANOTHER EXPLANATION FOR US BEING TOGETHER OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE YOU TOO.

AND WE WEREN'T MARRIED IN THAT TIMELINE, AND WE ARE NOW. IT'S PROOF THAT WHAT YOU REMEMBER IN THAT ONE WON'T NECESSARILY HAPPEN IN THIS ONE. SO DON'T THROW OUT YOUR CAREER JUST YET. THE UNIVERSE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

A FEW MONTHS LATER.

WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, I COULD LIFT A HUNDRED KILOS MORE THAN THAT.

THAT'S STILL A HELLUVA LOT BETTER THAN THE REST OF US.

IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. CAPTAIN MADE IT PRETTY CLEAR THAT THE ONLY REASON I HAD THIS JOB WAS BECAUSE I WAS XELAYAN.

I'M SORRY. THAT'S COLD. WE'RE GONNA MISS YOU.

"WE"?

OKAY, YEAH... ME.

HOW MUCH ARE YOU GOING TO MISS ME?

A LOT.

WE'VE BEEN DANCING AROUND THIS SINCE WE MET. YOU SURE YOU WANT TO, NOW? RIGHT BEFORE YOU LEAVE?

YES.

"MERCER, YOU LOOK A LITTLE PALE."

YEAH, THE .7 EARTH GRAVITY MAKES ME A LITTLE LIGHTHEADED...

PAR FOR THE COURSE ON ROUTINE PLANETARY SURVEYS. BY THE WAY, WE'LL NEED ANOTHER HELMSMAN SINCE JACOBS IS TRANSFERRING, SO I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO LET ME KNOW WHO'S AVAILABLE.

WELL, ACTUALLY, CAPTAIN, I'VE GOT A GUY ON HERE WHO'D BE PERFECT.

GORDON MALLOY?

THAT'S HIM. I SERVED WITH HIM, KNOWN HIM A LONG TIME, BEST PILOT YOU EVER SAW...

SAYS HERE AT UNION POINT HE TURNED A SHUTTLE INTO A PARTY BUS...

WELL, KIDS DO STUPID THINGS...

HE WAS TWENTY-THREE. THEN A FEW YEARS LATER, FLYING A SHUTTLE ON MANUAL, HE SHEARED OFF A CARGO BAY DOOR AND 300 CRATES OF AUTUMN SQUASH WERE BLOWN INTO SPACE...

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT EVERYONE DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE...

HE ALSO DREW A PENIS ON THE MAIN VIEWING SCREEN OF OUTPOST T85.

I'LL KEEP LOOKING.

THAT WAS MY THOUGHT.

"LT. LAMARR, HAVE YOU MET THE NEW CHIEF OF SECURITY?"

ECV-197 ORVILLE

NOT YET, SHE JUST GOT HERE. WHY?

IT IS WELL KNOWN AMONG THE CREW THAT BEFORE SHE LEFT, LT. KITAN AND YOU WERE SEXUALLY ENGAGED--

WHY CAN'T PEOPLE MIND THEIR OWN DAMN BUSINESS?

I DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

SORRY. SO WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO ASK ME?

IF YOU HAVE FEELINGS OF ANIMOSITY TOWARD THE NEW SECURITY CHIEF, AS SHE IS TAKING THE PLACE OF YOUR SEXUAL PARTNER.

ALARA AND I AREN'T SEXUAL PARTNERS ANYMORE. AND EVEN IF WE WERE, IT WOULDN'T AFFECT HOW I TREAT HER REPLACEMENT.

I...

ISAAC? ARE YOU OKAY?

LAMARR TO SICKBAY, MEDICAL EMERGENCY!

NO CHEMICAL REACTIONS OR ELECTRONIC FLUCTUATIONS. I HONESTLY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A KAYLON VITAL SIGN WOULD LOOK LIKE.

WHAT WE NEED IS A KAYLON INSTRUCTION MANUAL. OTHERWISE WE'RE JUST SHOOTING IN THE DARK.

NEWTON, THE SHIPWIDE DIAGNOSTIC?

NO POWER SURGES OR COMPUTER VIRUSES. BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT MAKES A KAYLON SICK.

LET ME TAKE HIM DOWN TO ENGINEERING. OPEN HIM UP, DIG AROUND A LITTLE.

I COULD HELP WITH THAT. HAVEN'T LOST MY KNACK FOR ENGINEERING.

GUYS, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT, HE'S MY PATIENT.

WELL, RIGHT NOW, YOUR PATIENT IS KINDA DEAD.

YOU KNOW IN THE OLD DAYS, YOU HAD A PROBLEM WITH A NEW CAR...

...YOU TOOK IT BACK TO THE DEALERSHIP.

"STATION SHUTTLE ONE, THIS IS THE U.S.S. *JEFFERSON*, YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO DOCK."

SEE TO THE CARGO TRANSFER, COMMANDER. I WANT TO GET MOVING TO OUTPOST 73 AS SOON AS WE CAN.

AYE, SIR.

HERE'S THE MANIFEST, MAKE SURE EVERYTHING YOU ORDERED IS ON IT.

THANK YOU, COMMANDER. ALSO, I HAVE THREE PASSENGERS WHO ARE HOPING TO HITCH A RIDE WITH YOU TO OUTPOST 73. ONE OF THEM IS POSTED THERE.

AND THE OTHER TWO?

THEY'RE MY SONS.

I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS, I HOPE YOU HAVE ROOM FOR US.

MOM, HE WON'T LET ME HAVE A TURN.

TY, NOT NOW...

WE WERE ON VACATION ON ARBORIUS PRIME, BUT I HAD TO CUT IT SHORT BECAUSE THERE'S AN OUTBREAK OF BETELGEUSEAN FLU BACK ON THE STATION, SO WE'VE BEEN "HITCHING RIDES" BACK.

CLAIRE...

YES. I'M SORRY, HAVE WE MET?

SORT OF. IT WAS WHEN YOU WERE... STATIONED ON THE *ORVILLE*.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I WAS NEVER STATIONED ON THE *ORVILLE*.

YOU... YOU NEVER SERVED ON THAT SHIP? NEVER GOT TO KNOW THE KAYLON SCIENCE OFFICER?

NO...

I WAS OFFERED THE *ORVILLE* LAST YEAR, BUT CAPTAIN GRIFFITH IS SUCH AN EXPERIENCED OFFICER, I DECIDED TO INSTEAD TAKE THE POSITION ON OUTPOST 73. I LIKE TO GO WHERE I'M NEEDED.

BUT IF YOU NEVER SERVED ON THE *ORVILLE*...

...THEN THEY NEVER MET ISAAC.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

I HAVE TO GO.

DECK A

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WHY WAS THAT LADY UPSET?

I DON'T KNOW...

GRAYSON TO COMMUNICATIONS. GET ME ADMIRAL HALSEY AT UNION HEADQUARTERS. TELL HIM IT'S AN EMERGENCY.

AYE, SIR.

I HAVE TO SAY, IT WAS A NICE SURPRISE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HOW ARE YOU DOING?

SIR, I'M SORRY, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR NICETIES. YOU HAVE TO KEEP THE *ORVILLE* FROM GOING TO KAYLON.

WHAT?

THEIR KAYLON OFFICER IS GOING TO MALFUNCTION, AND YOU CAN'T LET THEM TAKE HIM BACK TO KAYLON. I SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED YOU BEFORE, BUT YOU WOULD'VE THOUGHT I WAS CRAZY. BUT PLEASE, LISTEN TO ME NOW.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KNOW ALL THIS, KELLY, BUT...

...BUT THE ORVILLE IS ALREADY ON ITS WAY TO KAYLON.

OH NO...

...IT'S BEGUN.

DIGRESSIONS PART 2

ADMIRAL, THE *ORVILLE* IS FLYING INTO A TRAP!

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

BECAUSE... I TRAVELED TO THE FUTURE.

EXCUSE ME?

THERE'S A DEVICE ON THE *ORVILLE*, INVENTED BY A PROFESSOR ARONOV...

WHICH IS A SECRET. HOW DO YOU KNOW--

BECAUSE THE KAYLON ISAAC WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH IT, AND ACCIDENTALLY PULLED ME SEVEN YEARS INTO THE FUTURE. THEY TOLD ME THE STORY OF HOW THE KAYLON TOOK OVER THEIR SHIP, AND LED A KAYLON FORCE TO EARTH.

TOOK OVER...?

WILL TAKE OVER. IT WAS THEIR PAST AND OUR FUTURE. AND THE ONLY REASON THE KAYLON DIDN'T SUCCEED IS BECAUSE ISAAC HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. CLAIRE FINN AND HER SONS, AND SHE'S NOT ON THE *ORVILLE* NOW...

ISAAC... HAD A RELATIONSHIP...

LOOK, SIR, I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY.

YES IT DOES...

BUT YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS. YOU HAVE TO WARN THEM.

KELLY, I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU, BUT ARONOV'S DEVICE IS NOT A TIME MACHINE, SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING HAPPENED... OR WILL HAPPEN... IS IMPOSSIBLE. NOW, CAPTAIN GRIFFITH IS AN EXPERIENCED COMMANDER. HEADING TO KAYLON, HE IS ALREADY ON HIS GUARD. I THINK TELLING HIM THIS STORY WILL ONLY HAVE ONE RESULT.

HE'LL THINK I'M CRAZY TOO.

EPSILON ERIDANI STATION.

NICE VIEW.

YEAH, A PERK OF BEING COMMANDING OFFICER.

SO YOU JUST GAVE UP ON GETTING A SHIP?

IT JUST DIDN'T LOOK LIKE IT WAS IN THE CARDS. I COULDN'T STAY ON THE *WATSON* ANY LONGER. BARRETT REALLY DIDN'T LIKE ME. AND WHEN I LOST OUT TO CHEVA FOR COMMAND OF THE *SAGAN*, I DECIDED TO CUT BAIT AND TAKE THIS.

THAT'S TOO BAD, I WAS SORT OF HOPING YOU WERE GOING TO GET A CAPTAINCY AND BRING ME ON AS A HELMSMAN.

WELL, I NEED A CHIEF OF STAFF.

YOU WANT ME TO RECOMMEND SOMEBODY?

NO, IDIOT, I WANT YOU TO BE MY CHIEF OF STAFF.

SERIOUSLY?

HEY, THANKS. WHAT'S A CHIEF OF STAFF DO?

NO IDEA. BUT PROBABLY NOT A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT. NOT LIKE ANYTHING IMPORTANT'S GOING ON.

"WE'RE ALMOST TO KAYLON..."

ECV-197 GRILKA

...AND NO CHANGE IN ISAAC. I HOPE IT WON'T BE TOO LATE FOR HIS PEOPLE TO FIX HIM.

UNLESS THEY JUST WANT TO USE HIM FOR PARTS. WHO KNOWS WHAT KAYLON DO WITH THEIR DEAD?

CAPTAIN...

...I'M RECEIVING A PRIORITY COMMUNICATION.

PUT IT THROUGH...

UM... SIR...

IT'S SECURITY CODED FOR ME AND ENGINEER LAMARR. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S ABOUT.

WELL, TAKE IT IN PRIVATE AND DECIDE WHETHER YOU NEED TO FILL US IN. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE GODDAMN MYSTERIES AROUND HERE.

AYE, SIR.

I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR MISSION TO KAYLON.

COMMANDER, OUR MISSION IS CLASSIFIED, SO WHATEVER YOU THINK WE'RE DOING WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT IT.

AND SINCE NEITHER OF US KNOWS WHO YOU ARE, WHY DID YOU ASK FOR US?

BECAUSE I THOUGHT I HAD THE BEST CHANCE OF CONVINCING YOU THAT YOU'RE HEADED INTO A TRAP. JOHN AND ISAAC ARE GOING TO BRING ME INTO THE FUTURE...

...USING THE ARONOV DEVICE THAT THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON.

I KNOW THAT'S ALSO CLASSIFIED, I'M NOT LOOKING TO YOU TO CONFIRM IT. WHEN ISAAC'S EXPERIMENT BRINGS ME INTO THE FUTURE, I'LL MEET BOTH OF YOU. TALLA, YOU'LL TELL ME ABOUT THE TIME YOU BROKE YOUR CAPTAIN'S NOSE, AND JOHN, I'LL HEAR HOW YOU WERE ALMOST EXECUTED FOR HUMPING A STATUE ON SARGUS IV...

LADY, YOU'RE FULL OF SURPRISES.

EVEN IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO ABOUT IT?

I JUST NEED YOU TO HEAR ME. AFTER YOU REACH KAYLON, THEY WILL TAKE OVER THE SHIP AND USE IT TO LEAD A KAYLON FLEET TO EARTH. SO I'M JUST BEGGING YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, PRETEND FOR A MINUTE THAT YOU DO...

...AND BE PREPARED.

SHE KNEW A LOT SHE SHOULDN'T KNOW. IS THERE ANY WAY SHE COULD'VE FOUND ALL THAT STUFF OUT?

MAYBE WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT TALLA AND ME. BUT THE ARONOV DEVICE AND WHAT ISAAC'S BEEN DOING WITH IT? NO WAY.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HER?

SHE'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE *JEFFERSON.*

THAT'S AL MOSLEY'S SHIP.

HAS AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE RECORD.

WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE WITH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD LOST THEIR MIND.

YES, SIR. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

I WANT TO MAKE A CALL.

"WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?"

LCV-329 JEFFERSON

GRIFFITH CALLS AND TELLS ME MY FIRST OFFICER KNOWS ABOUT A LOT OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION THAT EVEN I DON'T KNOW. ADMIRALTY FINDS OUT, THEY'RE GOING TO WANT YOUR HEAD ON A PLATTER!

SIR, THERE'S A GOOD REASON...

IF THERE WAS A GOOD REASON, YOU SHOULD'VE COME TO ME FIRST!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BELIEVE ME, AND I HAD TO ACT.

YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT IT'S ABOUT NOW?

I... CAN'T, SIR. I REALIZE NOW I WON'T GET ANYONE TO BELIEVE ME, AND I CAN'T STAND BY AND DO NOTHING. IT'S TOO IMPORTANT...

KELLY... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I'M SAYING I HAVE TO RESIGN.

YOU WHAT?

I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE WHEN I KNOW WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?

I'VE GOT TO TRY TO FIND THE CREW THAT SAVED US IN THE OTHER TIMELINE. THAT'S THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO GO ON.

LOOK, KELLY, IF YOU WANT TO THROW AWAY YOUR CAREER...

I GET IT. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO GO WITH ME.

I WAS GOING TO SAY IF YOU WANT TO THROW AWAY YOUR CAREER, THAT'S YOUR DECISION. IT'S NOT REALLY MINE TO JUDGE IT. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO IT ALONE.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE COMING WITH ME?

I TOOK A VOW.

"TILL DEATH DO US PART." SO, WHERE WE HEADED?

SO, YOU'RE SAYING... BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T GO OUT WITH THIS GUY AGAIN, YOU DIDN'T END UP MARRYING HIM, YOU DIDN'T END UP CHEATING ON HIM, AND SO THEN YOU DIDN'T FEEL GUILTY ABOUT HOW YOU RUINED HIS LIFE, AND THEN GO ON TO HELP HIM GET COMMAND OF THE *ORVILLE*, AND IF HE HAD COMMAND OF IT, I WOULD'VE TAKEN THAT POSTING AND SAVED THE UNION?

ESSENTIALLY.

AND YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU NEED A GOOD THERAPIST?

LOOK, IT'S NUTS, BUT I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO PROVE THIS. YOU PERFORMED... OR WILL PERFORM A MEMORY WIPE ON ME THAT DIDN'T WORK. WOULD THERE BE ANY TRACE OF IT?

YES...

WELL, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOMEONE TRIED TO PERFORM A MEMORY WIPE ON YOU.

IS THERE A REASON IT DIDN'T WORK?

HER BRAIN IS DEFICIENT IN A PROTEIN CALLED BETA-SECRETASE. A DOCTOR PERFORMING THE MEMORY WIPE MIGHT HAVE MISSED THAT IF THEY WEREN'T LOOKING FOR IT.

THE QUESTION IS, WOULD *YOU* HAVE MISSED IT?

EASILY.

SO, WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

WELL, WE'LL BE AT OUTPOST 73 IN A FEW DAYS. WE'LL HAVE TO GET OTHER TRANSPORTATION. I JUST HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE.

A FEW DAYS LATER.

"WE'VE GOT TO GET A MESSAGE TO UNION CENTRAL..."

...OTHERWISE, EARTH IS GONE.

WELL, FIRST THING WE GOTTA DO IS GET CONTROL OF THE SHIP BACK.

GIVEN THE NUMBER OF KAYLON ON THE SHIP, THAT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED.

WELL, UNLIKELY, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE. RIGHT BEFORE WE REACHED KAYLON, I SET A BOOBY TRAP. IT'S AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE THAT SHOULD DISABLE THE KAYLON.

HOW DID YOU KNOW TO PREPARE THIS?

SOME CRAZY LADY TOLD US TO BE PREPARED, SO WE WERE JUST CRAZY ENOUGH TO BELIEVE HER.

WE KEPT THE PLAN TO AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. DIDN'T WANT ISAAC TO KNOW, IN CASE WE WERE WRONG.

PROBLEM IS, EVEN IF IT WORKS, IT'S ONLY GOING TO TAKE OUT THE KAYLON ON THIS SHIP. AND NO WAY CAN WE OUTRUN THE OTHER SHIPS.

WE'LL TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP NEAR EARTH, GET A MESSAGE OUT THEN. HOPEFULLY WE CAN HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

JUST US?

NO CHOICE. WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP TOO SOON, THE KAYLON WILL BE ONTO US AND WE'LL BE DESTROYED, AND WE WON'T DO ANYBODY ANY GOOD.

WE WILL PREVAIL.

OUTPOST 73.

"MOM, THIS SHIP SMELLS."

SORRY, TY, I KNOW IT'S NOT EXACTLY FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL. IT'S THE ONLY SHIP AVAILABLE ON OUTPOST 73.

IT'LL BE FINE. WHERE'S CASSIUS?

HE'S PICKING UP OUR FINAL BATCH OF SUPPLIES.

HE'S A GOOD GUY.

HE REALLY IS, TY... HE REALLY IS.

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THOSE WEIRD SHIPS?

OH NO... IT'S TOO LATE.

GET IN THE BACK AND STRAP YOURSELVES IN, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

WHAT ABOUT CASSIUS?

I SEE HIM, HE'S JUST COMING OUT OF THE BASE...

COME ON, CASSIUS, HURRY...

YOU CAN MAKE IT...

CASSIUS...

NO...

HANG ON, WE'RE LEAVING...

KELLY...

YOU SHOULD STRAP IN, WE'RE ABOUT TO GO TO QUANTUM.

CASSIUS...

NO.

STATUS REPORT!

ALL WEAPONS ARE OFFLINE, AND THE MAIN REACTOR'S ABOUT TO BLOW.

WHAT ABOUT STATION PERSONNEL?

EVERYBODY IS OFF THE STATION BUT US! CAN WE GO NOW?

I JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S SAFE...

KAYLON TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE STATION! KAYLON TROOPS HAVE ENTERED---CZZZK

COME ON, THAT'S IT. WE GOTTA GO. YOU DID YOUR JOB.

HOPE WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FLEET.

IF THERE'S A FLEET LEFT...

"YOU MUST GO..."

I HAVE TO STAY HERE.

WHY MUST YOU?

BECAUSE IT IS MY DUTY.

I WILL MEET YOU ON MOCLUS. TAKE CARE OF TOPA.

I WILL. AND YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

I WILL DO MY BEST.

"THERE SHE GOES..."

...I HOPE SHE MAKES IT.

I HOPE WE DO.

I KNOW, HANG ON...

"LOOKS LIKE THE BATTLE'S OVER..."

DIDN'T GET ENOUGH REINFORCEMENTS. THE QUESTION IS, WHERE DID THE KAYLON SHIPS GO? DID THEY JUST GO HOME?

NO. THEY'RE FINISHING WHAT THEY STARTED.

"AW, DAMN..."

...DAMN.

JOHN, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

WHERE WE GOING TO GO?

WE HAVE TO FIND COMMANDER GRAYSON. WHEN SHE CONTACTED US, IT WAS ON A PERSONAL COMMUNICATOR. I KEPT THE FREQUENCY.

WHAT GOOD IS THAT GOING TO DO?

SHE KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. SHE SAID SHE TRAVELED IN TIME. MAYBE... MAYBE...

YEAH. OKAY.

"'MAYBE' IS ALL WE GOT LEFT..."

EPSILON ERIDANI STATION.

HALT!

YOU HALT!

ECV-342-1

I'M TAKING OFF WITHOUT SITTING DOWN AND CLOSING THE DOOR!

JUST MAKE SURE THE DOOR'S CLOSED BEFORE WE'RE IN SPACE!

GOING TO QUANTUM.

I CAN'T RAISE ANYONE. LOOKS LIKE THIS SHUTTLE IS GOING TO BE HOME FOR A WHILE.

WELL, THAT SUCKS, SINCE...

THEY DESTROYED OUR FOOD SYNTHESIZER.

A FEW DAYS LATER.

"I DO NOT HAVE THE WORDS TO HONOR YOUR SERVICE..."

...YOU ALL FOUGHT BRAVELY, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR VALOR THAT I REMAIN ALIVE. I CAN ONLY PROMISE YOU THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN. THIS, MY COMRADES, I SWEAR TO YOU.

I WILL REMEMBER YOU.

OPEN

THEY'RE LATE. IF THEY'RE EVEN COMING AT ALL.

LET'S KEEP A LITTLE OPTIMISM.

WAIT, PICKING UP A SHIP... NO, WAIT, SHIPS...

KAYLON, FOUR OF THEM. WE GOT TO GO...

NO, WE'RE GETTING A SIGNAL...

JOHN, TALLA, IT'S KELLY GRAYSON, STAND BY...

"...WE'RE GOING TO PICK YOU UP."

TRACTOR BEAM ON. WE GOT THEM...
GOING TO QUANTUM.
MOM, CAN I DO THE TRACTOR BEAM NEXT TIME?
WE'LL SEE, TY.
"LOOKS LIKE WE LOST THEM..."
...FOR NOW.
SORRY WE COULDN'T DO MORE.
YOU DID ENOUGH. YOU SURVIVED. THAT MIGHT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KAYLON ATTACK?
THEY'VE DECIMATED EVERY UNION OUTPOST. WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FLEET IS GOING TO GROUND. WE'LL HEAD TOWARD THE CALIVON SYSTEM. THEY'RE ALMOST AS ADVANCED AS THE KAYLON, SO CHANCES ARE THE KAYLON WON'T BE ATTACKING THERE ANYTIME SOON. THAT'LL BUY US SOME TIME TO FIGURE OUT A PLAN...
...AND THEN WE HOPE FOR SOME LUCK.
CONTINUED IN "THE ROAD NOT TAKEN"...

ARTIFACTS PART 1

This episode takes place between seasons two and three of The Orville.

OUTPOST 47.

"THERE'S ICE CREAM ALL OVER YOUR FACE."

Blavara's

HORBALAKS MAKE THE BEST ICE CREAM. FOOD SYNTHESIZER DOESN'T DO IT JUSTICE.

NOT A RUMOR.

THERE ARE RUMORS THEY PUT STIMULANTS IN IT.

MERCER...

XELAYAN TOMES - RARE ANTIQUITIES

PROFESSOR LAMARCHE! MY GOD, IT'S BEEN SO LONG.

YES. PROBABLY YOUR GRADUATION FROM UNION POINT.

YES, YOU REMEMBER GORDON MALLOY?

SECOND HAND BOOKS from XX-XXIVth CENTURIES

I DO NOT.

I SAT NEXT TO ED EVERY DAY IN CLASS.

HMMM, I'M AFRAID I CAN'T RECALL.

YOU ALMOST FAILED ME AND ACCUSED ME OF CHEATING ON THE FINAL EXAM--

SO PROFESSOR, WHAT BRINGS YOU THIS FAR OUT?

I'VE BEEN ON AN EXPEDITION FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. IT WILL BE OF SOME CONSEQUENCE, TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN ASTROARCHAEOLOGY.

WELL, I'VE TRIED TO KEEP UP WITH MY STUDIES.

YOU HAVE?

YES. WIPE YOUR FACE.

I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT IT.

I WILL SEE YOU ABOARD YOUR SHIP IN TWO HOURS.

OH... OKAY, GREAT...

I'LL BE THERE TOO. I'M THE HELMSMAN.

ASSHOLE REMEMBERED ME.

WIPE YOUR FACE.

"QUITE A SHIP YOU HAVE HERE..."

...YOU'VE DONE WELL FOR YOURSELF.

WELL, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE DOING A LITTLE BETTER, BUT I CAN'T COMPLAIN. THE QUESTION IS WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? YOUR PUBLISHED WORKS HAVE FALLEN OFF IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

ALL CAREERS HAVE EBBS AND FLOWS. MINE IS EBBING. SO I DECIDED TO DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE ONE COURSE OF STUDY THAT HAD THE MOST POTENTIAL FOR ME TO LEAVE A MARK.

THE ZANKON?

EXACTLY. AND YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT.

REALLY? HOW?

IF I'M BEING HONEST, RUNNING INTO YOU WAS NOT A COINCIDENCE. I NEED A SHIP TO TAKE ME TO THE CRUXIS SYSTEM, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY STARSHIP CAPTAIN WHO MIGHT CONSIDER IT.

PROFESSOR LAMARCHE...

WHO...?

THIS IS CHALMI, MY ASSISTANT.
HERE IS THE COMSCANNER, PROFESSOR.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN WAITING.
I HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING YOU, IT'S SUCH A LARGE SHIP...
VERY WELL. THAT WILL BE ALL, CHALMI.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SPECIES BEFORE.
SHE IS FROM SEPHALDA. SHE HAS COME WITH ME TO SEE THE GALAXY. I WILL BE RETURNING HER HOME AFTER I'VE COMPLETED MY EXPEDITION.
ASSUMING OF COURSE YOU WILL TAKE ME TO CRUXIS.
LOOK, PROFESSOR, THAT'S HARDER THAN IT SOUNDS. CRUXIS IS A SYSTEM WITH FOUR STARS, IT'S VERY UNUSUAL. THE MAGNETIC AND GRAVIMETRIC FIELDS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO NAVIGATE.
YES, I'M AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES. HAVE YOUR SCIENCE OFFICER ANALYZE THE DATA ON HERE.
IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT'S WORTH THE RISK.

THE DATA ON PROFESSOR LAMARCHE'S COMSCANNER SUPPORTS HIS THEORY OF THE LOCATION OF THE ZANKON FLEET.

CRUXIS SYSTEM

SERIOUSLY?

HOLY CRAP.

YEAH, AMAZING, NO IDEA WHAT THAT IS.

YOU'D KNOW IF YOU'D PAID ATTENTION IN CLASS.

THEORETICAL BORDERS OF THE ZANKON EMPIRE

THE ZANKON WERE PURPORTEDLY THE RULING EMPIRE IN THIS SECTION OF THE GALAXY THREE POINT FOUR MILLION YEARS AGO. THERE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THEY ENSLAVED THIRTY-SEVEN SEPARATE SPECIES, WHO THEN REVOLTED.

CRUXIS SYSTEM

IT IS ACCEPTED AS FACT ON MOCLUS THAT THEY EXISTED.

PLANETARY UNION ORVILLE

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A FLEET?

IT WAS SCHOLARS ON XELAYA WHO FIRST DISCOVERED THE LEGENDS THAT, WHEN THEIR EMPIRE WAS BEING OVERTHROWN, THE ZANKON HID PART OF THEIR MASSIVE FLEET OF SHIPS, IN THE HOPES OF SEIZING POWER ONCE AGAIN. THE FLEET WAS NEVER FOUND.

SO EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS STORY BUT ME AND JOHN?

I KNEW THE STORY.

WHAT'S LAMARCHE'S EVIDENCE?

THE PROFESSOR HAS CATALOGUED ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE ZANKON FLEET. HIS MOST COMPELLING CONNECTION IS DERIVED FROM TWO ANCIENT SOURCES...

...THE BORMANIS STONE, WHICH CONTAINS THE FIRST REFERENCE TO THE ZANKON FLEET. IT STATES THAT THE FLEET WAS PROTECTED BY "THE FOUR BROTHERS."

NO SCHOLAR HAD BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THE MEANING OF THIS TERM UNTIL THE RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY ON RETEPSIA OF THE TEXT OF AN EPIC POEM, "THE FOUR BROTHERS," CONTEMPORANEOUS TO THE TIME OF THE BORMANIS STONE. THE POEM REFERENCED A CONSTELLATION BY THE SAME NAME.

LAMARCHE STUDIED STAR PATTERNS OF ANCIENT RETEPSIA AND DETERMINED THAT THE FOUR BROTHERS CONSTELLATION WAS IN FACT THE CRUXIS SYSTEM.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD HIDING PLACE.

YEAH, BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TO.

LIEUTENANT MALLOY IS CORRECT.

FINALLY.

THE UNIQUE GRAVIMETRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS CREATED BY THE PROXIMITY OF THESE FOUR STARS HAVE PREVENTED SURVEY VESSELS FROM PROPERLY MAPPING THE INTERIOR OF THE SYSTEM.

WHICH MEANS... THOSE SHIPS COULD STILL BE THERE. EVEN AFTER THREE MILLION YEARS.

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

I'M NOT SURE FOLLOWING PROFESSOR LAMARCHE IS ADVISABLE.

WHY NOT?

LAMARCHE WAS REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AT UNION POINT BECAUSE OF SOME OVERZEALOUSNESS REGARDING HIS ZANKON THEORIES. HE'S BEEN SHUNNED BY THE UNION SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.

ISAAC SEEMS TO THINK, IN THIS CASE, LAMARCHE'S THEORY IS REASONABLE.

THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING THE FLEET IS TEMPTING, BUT YOU'LL BE PUTTING YOUR SHIP AT A GREAT DEAL OF RISK.

WHO WAS IT WHO SAID, "RISK IS OUR BUSINESS"?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

I'LL APPROVE THE MISSION, ON THE CONDITION THAT YOU WON'T RISK YOUR SHIP AND CREW UNNECESSARILY.

THAT USUALLY GOES WITHOUT SAYING.

REPORT PROGRESS. HALSEY OUT.

NOTIFY LAMARCHE, AND FIND QUARTERS FOR HIM AND HIS... ASSISTANT. THEN HAVE GORDON PLOT A COURSE TO CRUXIS.

YES, SIR.

COMPUTER, DO A SEARCH FOR "RISK IS OUR BUSINESS"...

"HEY, CAN I GIVE YOU A HAND?"

I WANTED TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT, BUT THIS SYNTHESIZER DOESN'T HAVE ANY RECIPES FROM MY HOME PLANET.

WELL, MAYBE I CAN RECOMMEND SOMETHING.

ONE MACARONI AND CHEESE.

IT'S VERY GOOD.

ONE OF MAN'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO GALACTIC CULTURE.

SO, CHALMI, WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

IT'S CALLED SEPHALDA. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM HOME. I MISS IT.

WHY DID YOU LEAVE?

WELL, PROFESSOR LAMARCHE CAME THERE, AND HE OFFERED MY PARENTS A FOOD SYNTHESIZER IF THEY WOULD LET ME COME WITH HIM.

IT SOUNDS LIKE... HE BOUGHT YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT HE PROMISED ME WE WILL RETURN TO SEPHALDA IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE FIND THE FLEET.

AND IF HE DOESN'T FIND THE FLEET?

HE SEEMED CONFIDENT HE WOULD.

THE GUY IS SCUM. I'VE KNOWN IT SINCE UNION POINT.

BECAUSE HE ALMOST FAILED YOU?

THIS IS NOT A JOKE! HE TRADED HER FOR A FOOD SYNTHESIZER! HE SHOULD BE IN THE BRIG!

HE WAS OFFERING HER A CHANCE TO SEE THE GALAXY. HE PROMISED TO RETURN HER TO HER PARENTS AS SOON AS HE REACHED CRUXIS.

SHE DIDN'T MENTION THAT?

NO... WELL...

YES. SHE MENTIONED THAT. BUT IT STILL SEEMED SKETCHY TO ME.

BRIDGE TO CAPTAIN. WE ARE APPROACHING THE CRUXIS SYSTEM.

ALL RIGHT, BORTUS, ON MY WAY. CALL PROFESSOR LAMARCHE TO THE BRIDGE.

UNLESS GORDON HAS AN OBJECTION.

OH, SHUT UP.

"WE ARE THREE POINT SEVEN AU'S FROM THE OUTER PERIMETER..."

...OUR SENSORS CANNOT PENETRATE TO THE INTERIOR OF THE SYSTEM.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

AND DEADLY.

HOW MANY SHIPS TRIED TO CHART THAT MESS?

ACCORDING TO UNION RECORDS, TWELVE MANNED PROBES HAVE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO REACH THE INTERIOR OF THE SYSTEM.

SO WE'RE LUCKY THIRTEEN.

CAPTAIN, WE CAN STAY HERE AND CONTEMPLATE ANCIENT SUPERSTITIONS REGARDING NUMBERS OR WE CAN MAKE HISTORY.

YOU'RE RIGHT. WE'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.

HELM, TAKE US IN.

"CAPTAIN, READING AN INCREASE IN SOLAR ACTIVITY..."

...IT WOULD APPEAR THE QUANTUM SIGNATURE OF OUR ENGINES IS DRAWING ENERGY FROM THE FOUR STARS IN THIS SYSTEM, CREATING A WEB OF GRAVIMETRIC AND MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE.

WE'RE ACTING LIKE A MAGNET.

ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. GRAVIMETRIC TURBULENCE INCREASING...

COMMANDER...

I SEE IT. ENGINEERING TO BRIDGE, THE GRAVIMETRIC SHEAR COMBINED WITH THE INTENSE MAGNETIC FIELD IS PLAYING HAVOC WITH THE QUANTUM REACTOR...

...WE KEEP THIS UP, WE COULD HAVE A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE.

UNDERSTOOD. ISAAC, HOW LONG TILL WE'RE THROUGH THIS TURBULENCE?

I AM UNABLE TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION. SENSORS WILL NOT PENETRATE BEHIND THE PERIMETER.

WE HAVE A HULL BREACH ON DECK C.

DAMAGE CONTROL TEAM...

ENGINEERING TO BRIDGE, WE HAVE A NEW PROBLEM...

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY ON THE UPPER RING IS DEGRADING...

"...IT WON'T HOLD FOR LONG."

CAPTAIN, FORWARD MOMENTUM HAS STOPPED. WE'RE NOT MOVING...

CAN WE INCREASE POWER?

PROBABLY WANT TO CHECK WITH JOHN, BUT I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S GOING TO SAY...

I THINK I REMEMBER THE ADMIRAL SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT NOT PUTTING THE SHIP IN UNNECESSARY DANGER.

I REMEMBER THAT TOO. GORDON, BACK US OFF...

NO! YOU CAN'T!

LAMARCHE!

WHAT THE HELL?!

WE CAN'T GIVE UP...

"...WE HAVE TO BREAK THROUGH!"

YAPHIT...

I CAN'T STOP IT, WE'RE LOSING EVERYTHING...

ENGINEERING TO BRIDGE! WE HAVE A CATASTROPHIC SYSTEMS FAILURE!

CAPTAIN, THE TURBULENCE HAS STOPPED. WE HAVE MADE IT TO THE INTERIOR OF THE SYSTEM.

WE HAVE ALSO LOST ALL POWER.

GORDON?

I GOT NOTHING...

"...WE'RE DEAD IN SPACE."

ENGINEERING, TRY TO GET US SOME POWER AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

WE'RE WORKING ON IT.

BRIDGE TO SICKBAY, CASUALTY REPORT.

SIXTEEN INJURIES. THREE CONFIRMED DEATHS, THERE MAY BE MORE...

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?

I'M SORRY... I JUST WANTED TO... I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO GET HURT.

A LITTLE LATE.

TAKE HIM TO THE BRIG.

IF YOU'D DONE THAT WHEN I TOLD YOU TO...
SHUT UP.
ISAAC, SENSOR REPORT.
I SHOULD HAVE SENSORS REPAIRED MOMENTARILY.
ENGINEERING TO BRIDGE, AUXILIARY POWER IS ONLINE.
GOOD WORK, JOHN.
HE'S NOT WORKING HERE ALONE, YOU KNOW.
CAPTAIN, I HAVE RESTORED SENSORS.
LET'S SEE WHERE WE ARE.
ACTIVATE MAIN VIEWSCREEN.
FUCK ME...

"...THAT ASSHOLE WAS RIGHT."

THE ZANKON FLEET.

BORTUS, TRY TO RAISE THE ADMIRALTY.

WE ARE UNABLE TO SEND OR RECEIVE WHILE WE ARE IN THIS SYSTEM DUE TO THE INTERFERENCE FROM THE STARS.

BRIDGE TO ENGINEERING, STATUS.

STATUS IS WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. WE NEED TO BE DOCKED AT A STATION TO FIX THE REACTOR.

THAT DOESN'T LEAVE US WITH MANY OPTIONS.

ONLY ONE I CAN THINK OF...

"...HOPE ONE OF THOSE THREE-MILLION-YEAR-OLD SHIPS STILL WORKS."

ARTIFACTS PART 2

BORTUS, ANY LUCK...

NEGATIVE, COMMANDER, WE STILL CAN'T SEND OR RECEIVE MESSAGES.

THEN WE'RE STUCK WITH A LONG SHOT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO ABOARD ONE OF THOSE SHIPS.

YOU THINK THEY LEFT AN OWNER'S MANUAL IN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT?

IF I'M RIGHT, WE WON'T NEED A MANUAL.

YES, I CAN OPERATE ONE OF THOSE SHIPS. BUT YOU HAVE TO GET ME ABOARD.

MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF YOU JUST TELL US HOW, AND WE KEEP YOU HERE.

THAT WON'T WORK.

WHY NOT?

IF I TOLD YOU, I'D GIVE UP WHATEVER LEVERAGE I HAVE.

THIS IS NOT A GAME. THREE OF MY CREW ARE DEAD BECAUSE OF YOU. YOU'RE GOING TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.

I KNOW. BUT IF I BRING BACK EVEN ONE OF THESE SHIPS, MAYBE IT WILL LESSEN THE SEVERITY OF THE CONSEQUENCES.

DON'T COUNT ON IT.

WE'LL LEAVE IN AN HOUR.

I WILL NEED MY ASSISTANT.

I DON'T WANT TO RISK ANYONE'S LIFE UNNECESSARILY.

IF I CANNOT HAVE MY ASSISTANT, THEN I WON'T GO.

ED, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO TRUST THIS GUY, AFTER WHAT HE DID.
FOR ONCE, GORDON'S RIGHT.
"FOR ONCE"?
IF ANYONE HAS ANY BETTER SUGGESTIONS, I'M ALL EARS.
WHY IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL THAT I MIGHT BE RIGHT?
WHY DO YOU THINK HE WAS SO INSISTENT ABOUT BRINGING CHALMI?
BECAUSE HE NEEDS A SLAVE TO MAKE HIM LUNCH.
CAN WE STOP WITH THAT?
IT IS STRANGE.
SEEMS LIKE THAT'S THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES. GORDON, GET ISAAC AND PREP A SHUTTLE. TALLA, GET OUR PRISONER AND HIS ASSISTANT, AND LET'S SEE...

"...IF WE CAN TURN ON ONE OF THOSE SHIPS."

ISAAC, ANY SIGN OF SOME KIND OF HATCH?

NEGATIVE, CAPTAIN, THE SURFACE IS COMPLETELY FREE OF OPENINGS.

PROFESSOR, DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHERE WE SHOULD LOOK?

MY ONLY SUGGESTION IS PATIENCE.

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID, PROFESSOR. DOES THIS MEAN I WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO SEPHALDA?

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT UNTIL WE'RE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THAT SHIP.

CAPTAIN, LOOK...

...SOMEBODY'S HOME.

THE SHIP IS EMANATING POWER.

AFTER MILLIONS OF YEARS...

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING ON THE BOW...

IT APPEARS TO BE AN OPENING.

LOOKS MORE LIKE A MOUTH.

DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE TO GO IN?

GIVEN THE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DEMONSTRATED, THE *ORVILLE* WOULD BE HELPLESS IF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SHIP HAD HOSTILE INTENTIONS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE SCREWED EITHER WAY.

AFFIRMATIVE.

IN THAT CASE...

"...TAKE US IN."

"I FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN THAT STORY FROM THE BIBLE, ABOUT THE WHALE AND PINOCCHIO."

"GORDON, THAT'S NOT... FORGET IT."

I AM NOW READING AN OXYGEN ATMOSPHERE.

CONVENIENT.

SHALL WE, CAPTAIN? HISTORY AWAITS.

IT FEELS LIKE HE'S EXPECTED ALL OF THIS. KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.

KIND OF GOES WITHOUT SAYING.

HOLY CRAP...

LOOK AT ALL THEM. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE.

WHAT KIND OF SHIPS ARE THESE?

THEY WERE MULTIPURPOSE CRAFT THAT COULD SERVE AS SHUTTLES OR FIGHTERS.

TALLA, ANY SIGN OF A WELCOMING COMMITTEE?

NO, SIR, I'M NOT READING ANY LIFE FORMS.

AND YET SOMEBODY TURNED ON THE LIGHTS FOR US.

COULD IT BE SOME AUTOMATIC SYSTEM?

IT IS COUNTERINTUITIVE TO THE CULTURE THAT HAS BEEN ASCRIBED TO THE ZANKON EMPIRE THAT THEIR SHIPS WOULD ALLOW STRANGERS UNFETTERED ACCESS TO THEIR TECHNOLOGY.

YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THAT, PROFESSOR?

ONLY THAT WHATEVER ANSWERS WE'RE LOOKING FOR NO DOUBT AWAIT US IN THERE...

WAS THAT DOOR THERE BEFORE?

I DON'T THINK SO.

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

THIS IS UNLIKE ANY SHIP I'VE EVER SEEN.

IT IS AS I EXPECTED. THE ZANKON TECHNOLOGY IS EVEN MORE ADVANCED THAN THE KAYLON.

WE SHOULD PROBABLY TRY TO GET TO THE BRIDGE.

ON A SHIP THIS BIG, IT COULD TAKE A MONTH TO FIND IT.

HEY...

OKAY, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

MATTER TELEPORTATION. PRESUMABLY WE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE BRIDGE.

SOMEBODY IS REALLY FUCKING WITH OUR HEADS.

IF THIS IS THE BRIDGE, WHERE ARE THE CONTROL PANELS?

CAPTAIN, IT IS WORTH NOTING I HAVE OBSERVED NO CONTROL PANELS SINCE BOARDING THIS SHIP.

AND YOU WON'T.

ARE YOU FINALLY GOING TO TELL US WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

THIS CONFIRMS MY THEORY THAT ZANKON TECHNOLOGY WAS SO ADVANCED, THEY CONTROLLED EVERYTHING BY THEIR OWN THOUGHT WAVES.

SO... YOU'VE BEEN OPERATING THE SHIP?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO. ONLY ZANKONS CAN CONTROL IT. THEY WERE A SPECIES WHO ONLY TRUSTED THEIR OWN, AND TRUSTED ALL OF THEIR OWN.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEN WHO...?

ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO, I FOUND A REMNANT OF FOSSILIZED ZANKON DNA. IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT SINCE THE ZANKON RULED THE GALAXY FOR SEVERAL MILLENNIA, THERE MIGHT BE A DESCENDANT SPECIES STILL ALIVE THAT HAD ITS DNA PASSED DOWN FROM THEM.

CHALMI...

ME?

THAT'S HOW WE GOT ABOARD. CHALMI'S SUBCONSCIOUS MIND WANTED US TO.

BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY SHE COULD GET HOME.

HER SPECIES SHARES OVER NINETY PERCENT OF ITS DNA WITH THE ZANKON. SHE HAS BEEN SUBCONSCIOUSLY TURNING THIS SHIP ON.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I'M TURNING ON THE LIGHTS?

YOU CAN DO MORE THAN THAT. SIT IN THIS CHAIR AND YOU CAN FLY THIS SHIP.

ARE WE SURE THAT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA?

IF YOU WANT TO RESCUE YOUR SHIP AND CREW, CAPTAIN, IT IS OUR ONLY OPTION.

I THINK WE CAN TRUST HER, ED.

ALL RIGHT. CHALMI, THE BRIDGE IS YOURS.

WHAT DO I DO?

WELL, FIRST, MAYBE THINK ABOUT TURNING THE ENGINES ON.

IT WOULD APPEAR...

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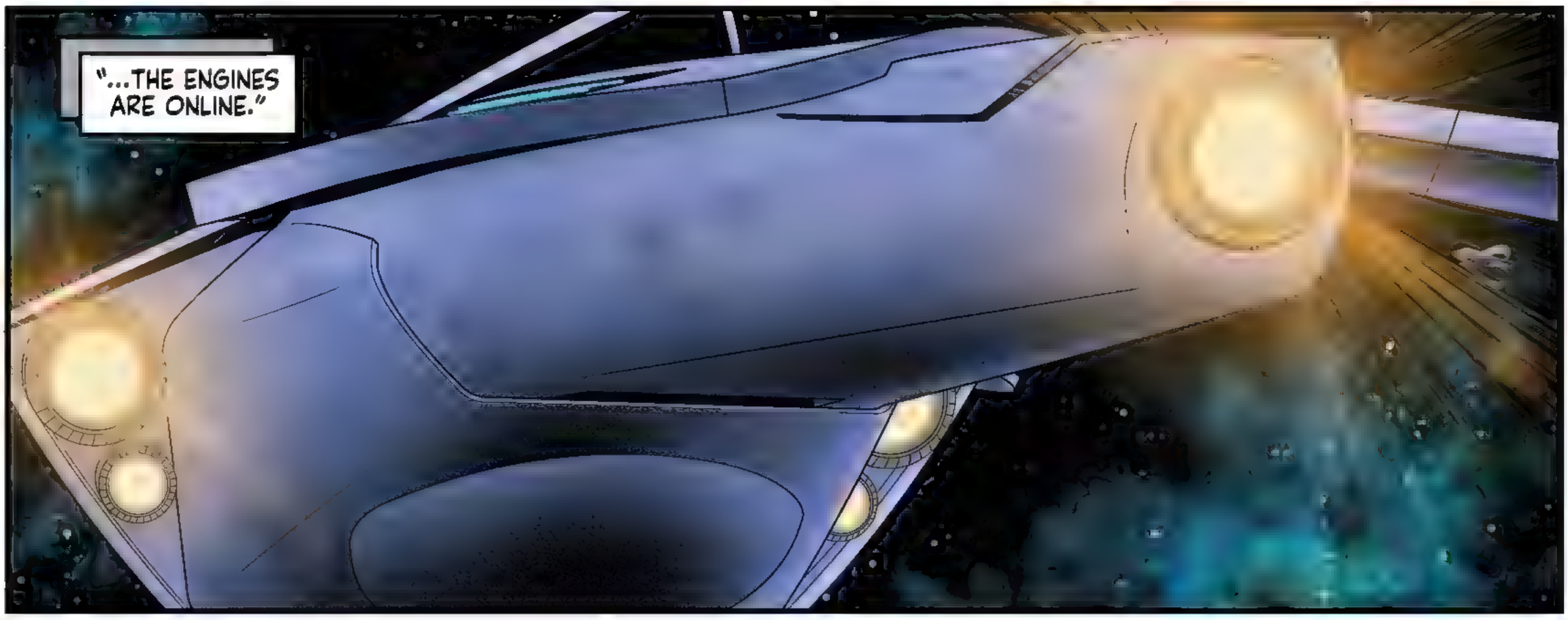
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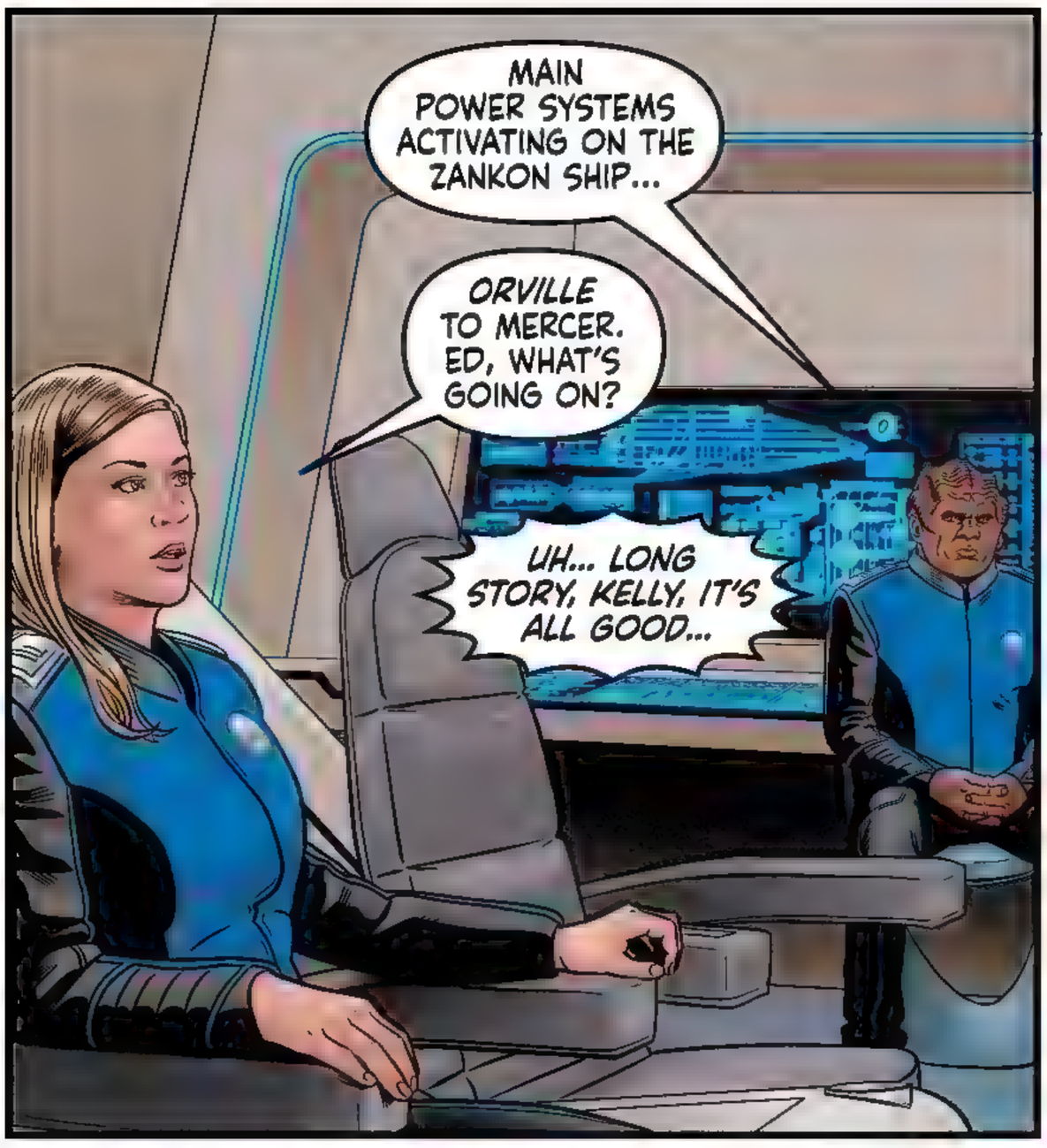
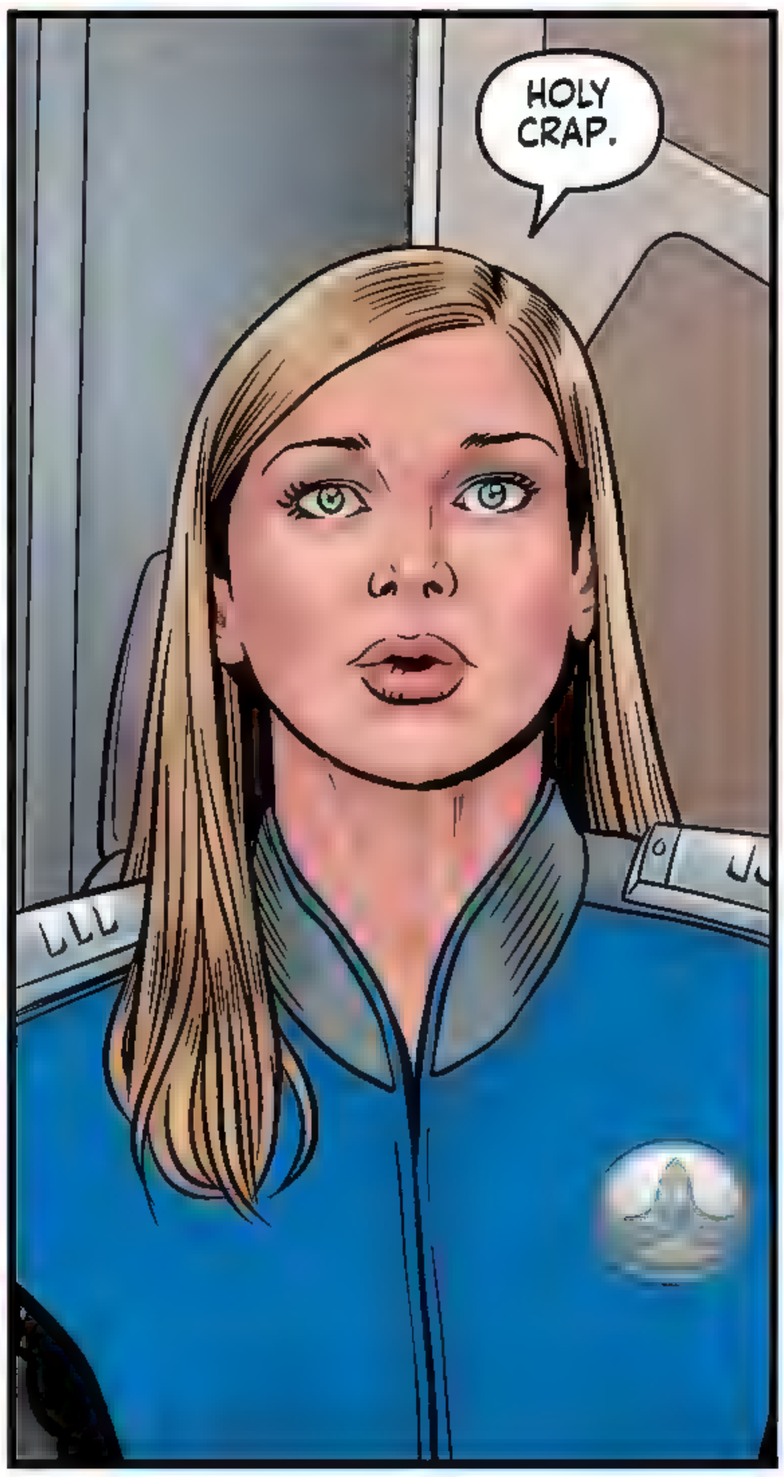
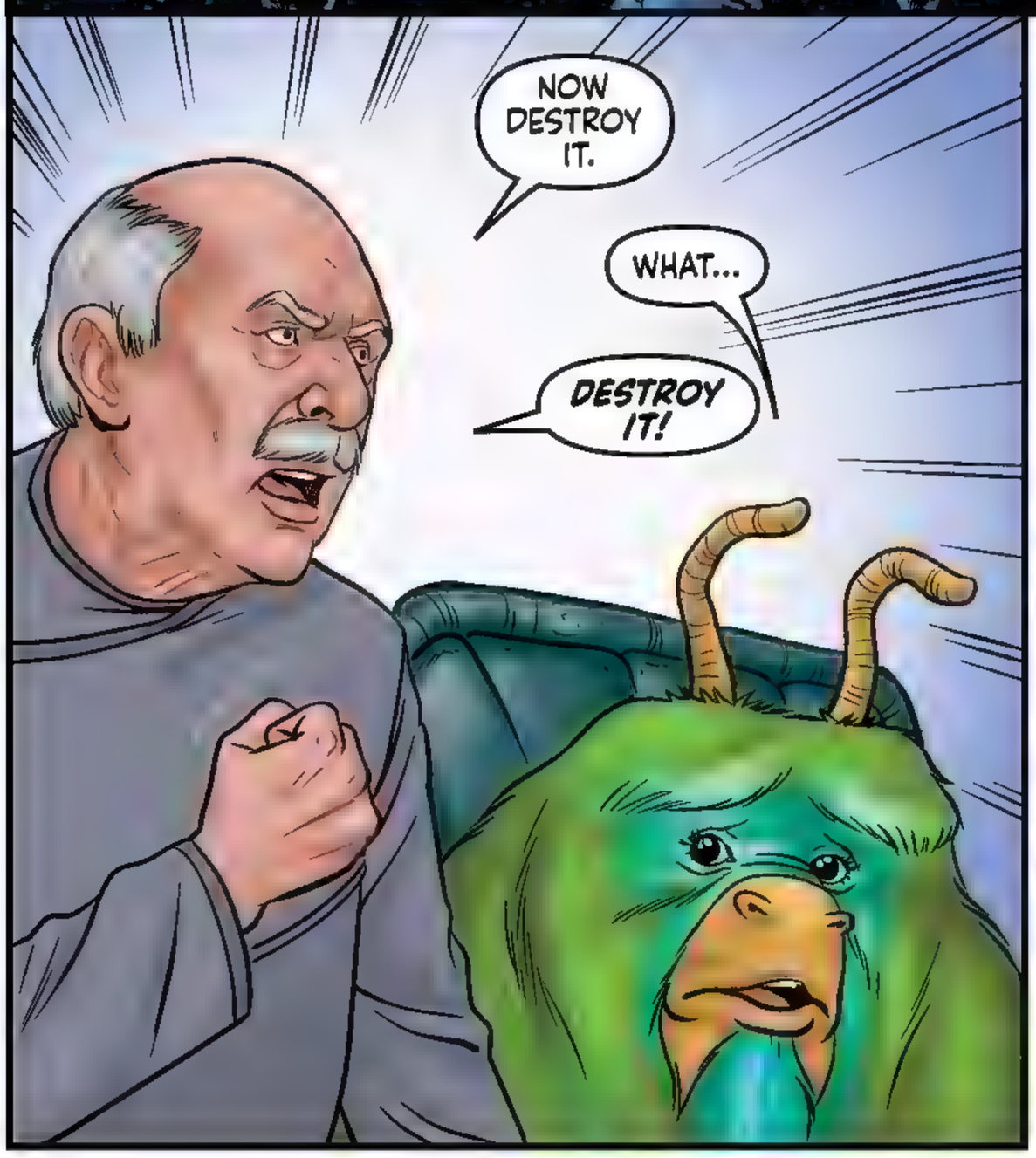

MAIN POWER SYSTEMS ACTIVATING ON THE ZANKON SHIP...
ORVILLE TO MERCER. ED, WHAT'S GOING ON?
UH... LONG STORY, KELLY, IT'S ALL GOOD...

...BUT KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.
NOW WHAT?
JUST THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU WANT THE SHIP TO GO.


HOLY CRAP.

WE HAVE TRAVERSED THE SYSTEM.
THIS IS AMAZING! WHERE SHOULD I GO NOW?
HEAD FOR THOSE ASTEROIDS...

"...AND STOP IN FRONT OF THAT LARGE ONE."


NOW DESTROY IT.
WHAT...
DESTROY IT!

LOOKS LIKE THE WEAPONS STILL WORK.

ORVILLE TO MERCER, DID YOU JUST BLOW UP AN ASTEROID ON PURPOSE?

YEAH, KINDA. IT'S OKAY, KELLY, WE'LL BE HOME IN A LITTLE BIT. WE HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT...

THE ZANKON FLEET IS THE GREATEST TECHNOLOGICAL FIND IN HISTORY. IF THE WRONG PEOPLE GET THEIR HANDS ON IT--

THEY WON'T. I'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT.

YOU'LL MAKE SURE OF IT?

FROM WHERE? JAIL?

I DON'T THINK THE UNION WILL PUT ME IN JAIL WHEN I OFFER THEM THESE SHIPS.

THREE PEOPLE ARE DEAD BECAUSE OF YOUR RECKLESSNESS.

AND HOW MANY MILLIONS WILL BE SAVED WHEN THE UNION IS GIVEN ACCESS TO THIS TECHNOLOGY?

THE END DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS.

EXCEPT WHEN IT DOES.

TALLA, CONFINE HIM TO QUARTERS.

ARE YOU GOING TO SAY IT?
YES, YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT HIM. HE'S AN ASSHOLE.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AT HIS MERCY.
NO, WE'RE NOT... WE'RE AT CHALMI'S...
IS THIS MOVIE NIGHT?
CHALMI CAN ACCESS THE RECORDS OF THE ZANKON SHIP. THIS IS A RECORDING OF A SLAVE UPRISING.
THEY LOOK LIKE ME, BUT THEY'RE SO MEAN.
WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU, LIEUTENANT?

WELL, I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU'VE FILLED HER IN ON WHAT'S NEXT?

WE'RE GOING HOME.

YEAH, AND THEN WHAT?

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE, LIEUTENANT...

MAKE ME.

HAS HE TOLD YOU HE'S GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE OF YOUR PEOPLE TO FLY THOSE SHIPS? HE'S NOT SATISFIED TURNING YOU INTO A SLAVE, CHALMI. HE WANTS ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOO.

IS THIS... TRUE?

HE IS OVERSIMPLIFYING THIS TO UPSET YOU. WITH THESE SHIPS, CHALMI, YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE THE MOST POWERFUL RACE IN THE GALAXY.

AS LONG AS YOU LISTEN TO HIM.

UH-OH.

MALLOY TO MERCER. CHALMI HAS DISAPPEARED.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DISAPPEARED"...

IT WAS THAT TELEPORTATION THING...

CAPTAIN, POWER SYSTEMS ARE ACTIVATING ABOARD THE ZANKON VESSEL. AND I AM DETECTING ONE LIFE FORM ABOARD.

GORDON, GET UP HERE...

I'M HERE, I'M HERE...

THE ZANKON SHIP IS MOVING OUT OF FORMATION.

OH, CRAP. TALLA, HAVE LAMARCHE BROUGHT TO THE BRIDGE.

...AND SEE IF YOU CAN RAISE THAT SHIP.

I CAN SEE YOU, COMMANDER.

CHALMI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FLYING THIS SHIP HAS BEEN INTERESTING, BUT I CAN'T LET THE PROFESSOR FORCE MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO LEAVE HOME. I HAVE TO STOP HIM.

STOP HIM... HOW?

YOU WILL SEE.

THE SHIP IS CHARGING ITS WEAPONS.

ISAAC, HOW MANY HITS CAN WE TAKE FROM THAT SHIP?

IT IS UNLIKELY THE *ORVILLE* WOULD SURVIVE ONE DISCHARGE OF THEIR ENERGY WEAPON.

SO... THE NUMBER OF HITS WE CAN TAKE IS ZERO.

I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE TARGET...

SHE IS DESTROYING THE ZANKON FLEET.

WHAT? WE HAVE TO STOP HER!

IT'S A LITTLE LATE...

"...SHE'S PRETTY MUCH DONE."

LATER...

YOU SURE YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF I LEAVE YOU HERE?

YES, WE CONTACTED OUR FLEET, THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY. AND THE LESS PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT THAT SHIP, THE BETTER.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, CHALMI?

I'M GOING HOME.

PLEASE, CHALMI, THAT SHIP MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME... TAKE ME WITH YOU... I'M SORRY.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE CALL "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE."

GOODBYE, CHALMI.

GOODBYE, GORDON. AND THANK YOU.

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. ALTHOUGH I WILL POINT OUT...

"...FOR ONCE I WAS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING."

EARLY SKETCHES BY DAVID CABEZA

CELESTE

FRONT

3/4

BACK

FACE DETAIL

FRONT

SIDE

FRANZ

ALL THE SHIP CREW COULD WEAR AN INSIGNIA BUT WEAR NO UNIFORM
OR
WE COULD USE THE CLOTHES OF ANY OF THESE THREE CHARACTERS AS A STARTING POINT TO DESIGN ONE

DARDEN

Third version
EPSILON SCIENTIFIC BASE CLOTHES
(Like in chapter 1 1)

COULD WEAR AN INSIGNIA ON CHEST AND SHOULDERS

FLAP POCKETS

2nd ver:
SAME GENERAL IDEA, JUST CHANGING CLOTHES DECORATION

SIMPLE OPEN POCKETS

HEAD DETAIL

FRONT

PROFILE

DARDEN'S SHIP FLOOR PLAN

P1 - - CELESTE ON ISSUE 3
- JOHN ON ISSUE 4 PG 13
- DARDEN & FRANZ ON ISSUE 4 PGS 16-18

L ENGINE
CORE
R ENGINE
CORE
CARGO L
CARGO R
P1
P2
P3
P4
L EXIT
R EXIT
BRIDGE

DARDEN CREW ENTERS THIS WAY →

← ED, KELLY AND JOHN ENTERS THIS WAY (OR EVEN THEY WERE HIDING INSIDE R EXIT SPACE)

P4: - YAPHIT ON ISSUE 4 PG 13
- CELESTE ON ISSUE 4 PGS 16-18

SMALL UNION TRANSPORT
BASED ON USS DRUYAN

FRONT

BRIDGE

ACCESS →

← ACCESS

SIDE

BRIDGE

TWO CONTAINERS ON EACH SIDE

ACCESS DOOR

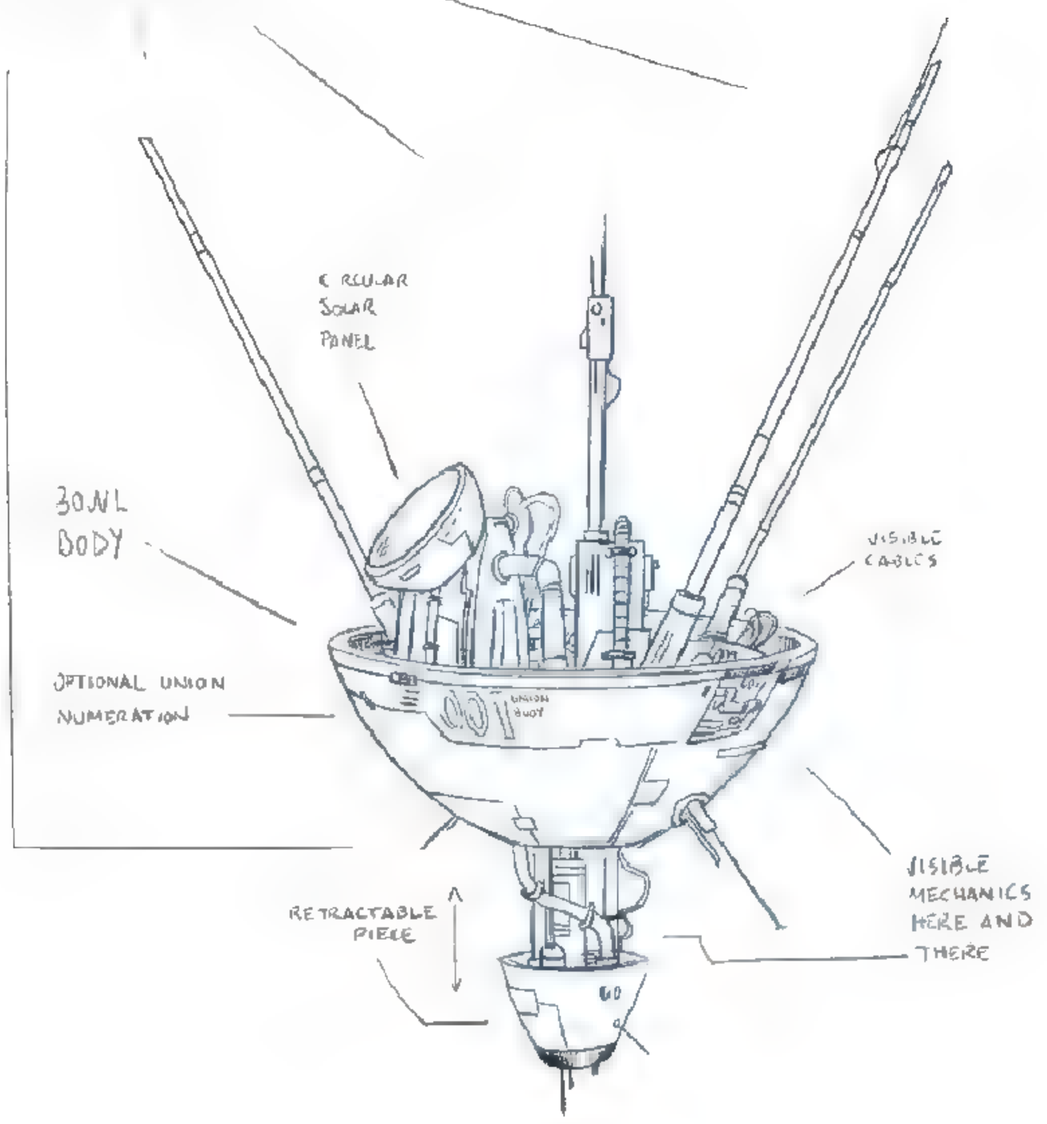
BRIDGE

ACCESS DOOR

3D VIEW

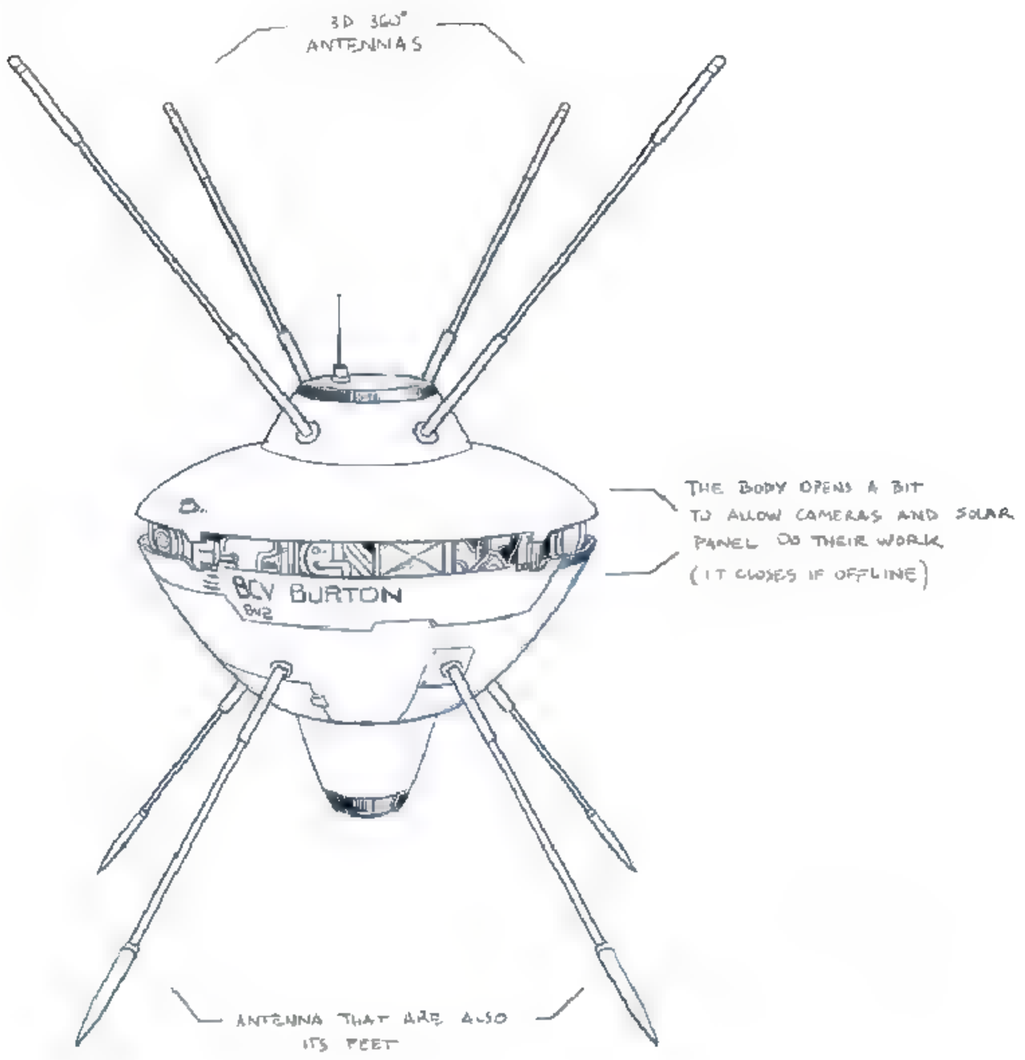
SPACE BUOY V1

* SEVERAL ANTENNAS COVERING EVERY DIRECTION

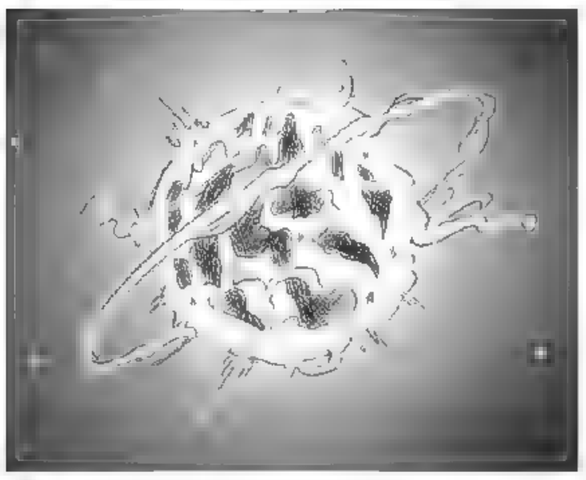


SPACE BUOY V2

- LESS VISIBLE MECHANICS
- MORE ADVANCED LOOK
- MORE SYMETRICAL


3D 360° ANTENNAS
THE BODY OPENS A BIT TO ALLOW CAMERAS AND SOLAR PANEL DO THEIR WORK (IT CLOSES IF OFFLINE)
BCV BURTON
ANTENNA THAT ARE ALSO ITS FEET

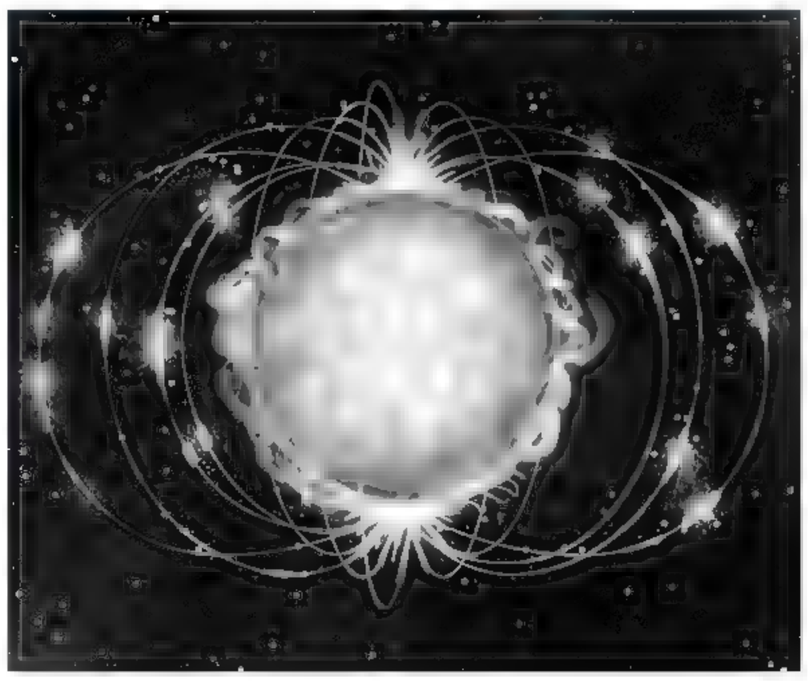
THE MAGNETAR



- SE ARE SKETCHES TO SEE GENERAL APPEARANCE WHEN INKED IN THE PAGES IT WILL DIFFER A BIT

(A) ↑ FIRST APPROACH :
- ONE RING
- DARK MASS / LIGHT COLOR HAZE
  ↳ MAYBE LIGHTBLUE

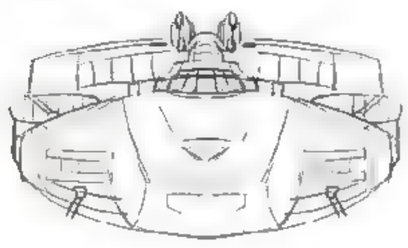
(B) → SECOND APPROACH
- MORE 'GAS' LIKE, LESS SOLID LOOK
- MULTIPLE RINGS COMING OUT OF THE POLES
- KIND OF 'ATOM' LOOK



BCV BURTON V2

BASE SKETCH (ELONGATED)

FRONT



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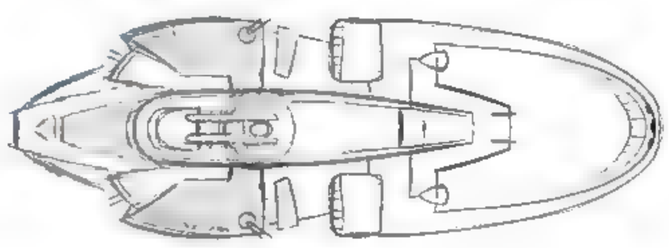
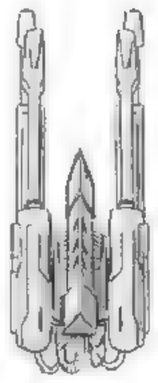
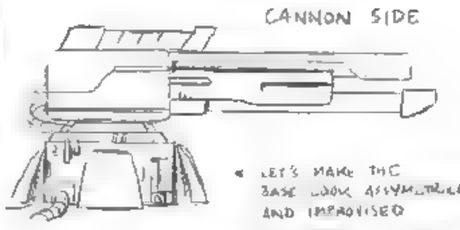




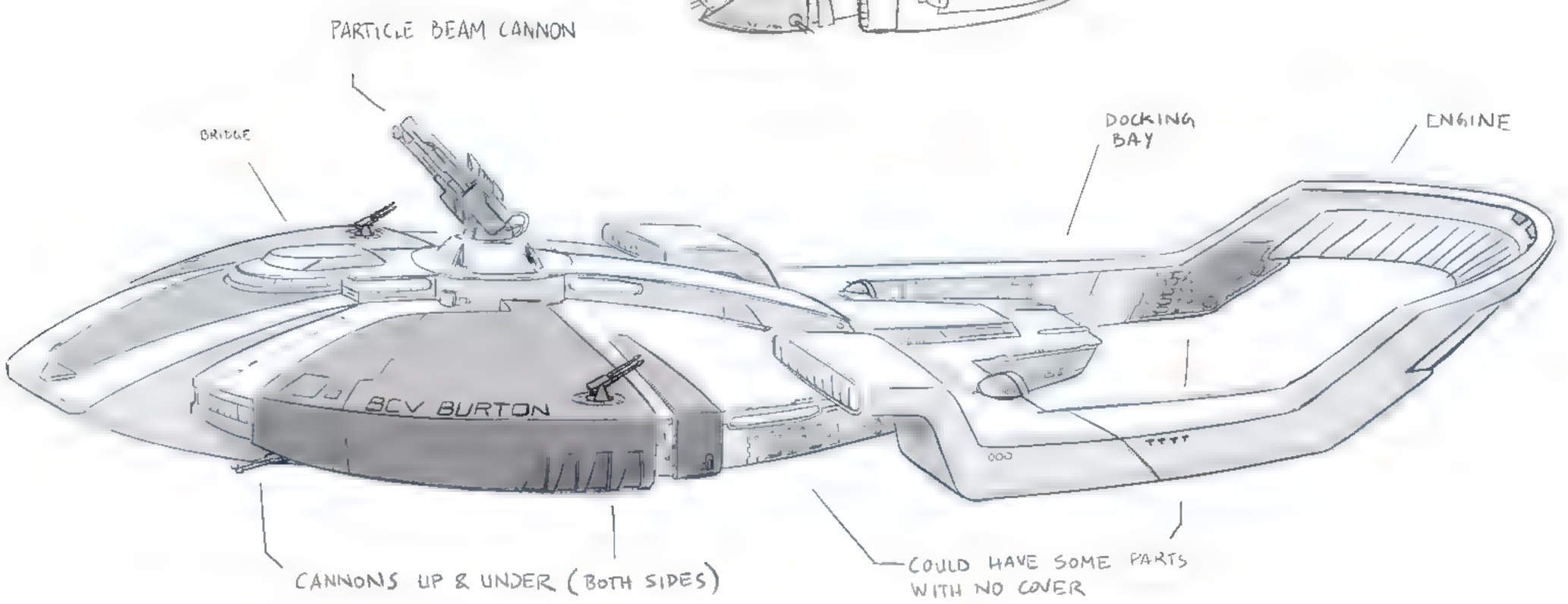
CANNON TOP VIEW

CANNON SIDE



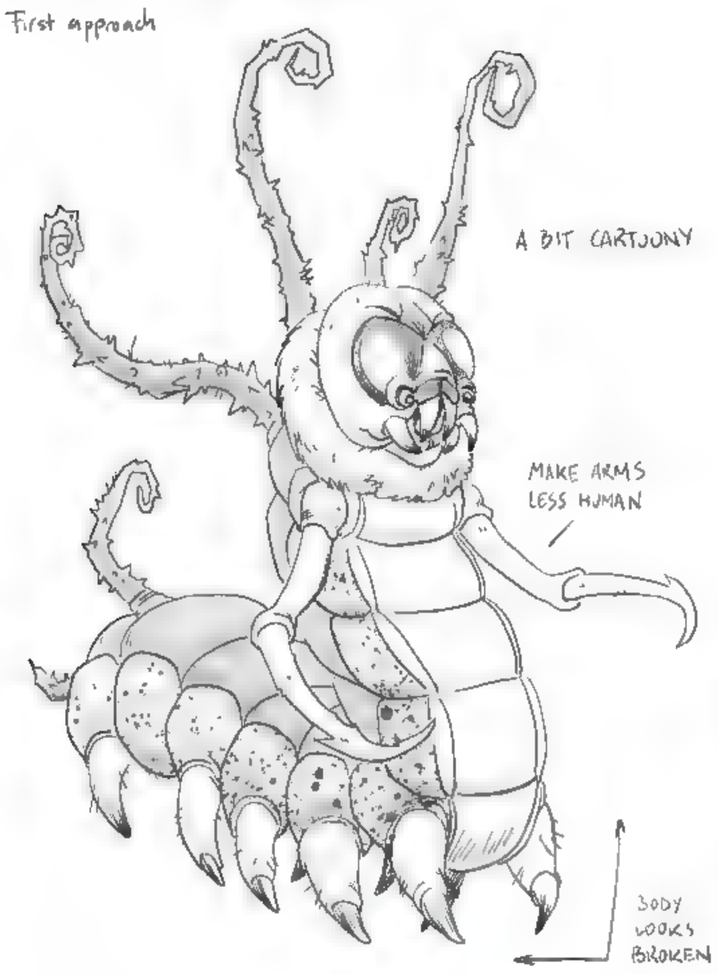
- LET'S MAKE THE BASE LOOK ASYMETRICAL AND IMPROVISED
(IT'S BEEN ASSEMBLED AFTER THE CRASH !!)

PARTICLE BEAM CANNON



THE CATERPILLAR ALIEN . REV 2

First approach



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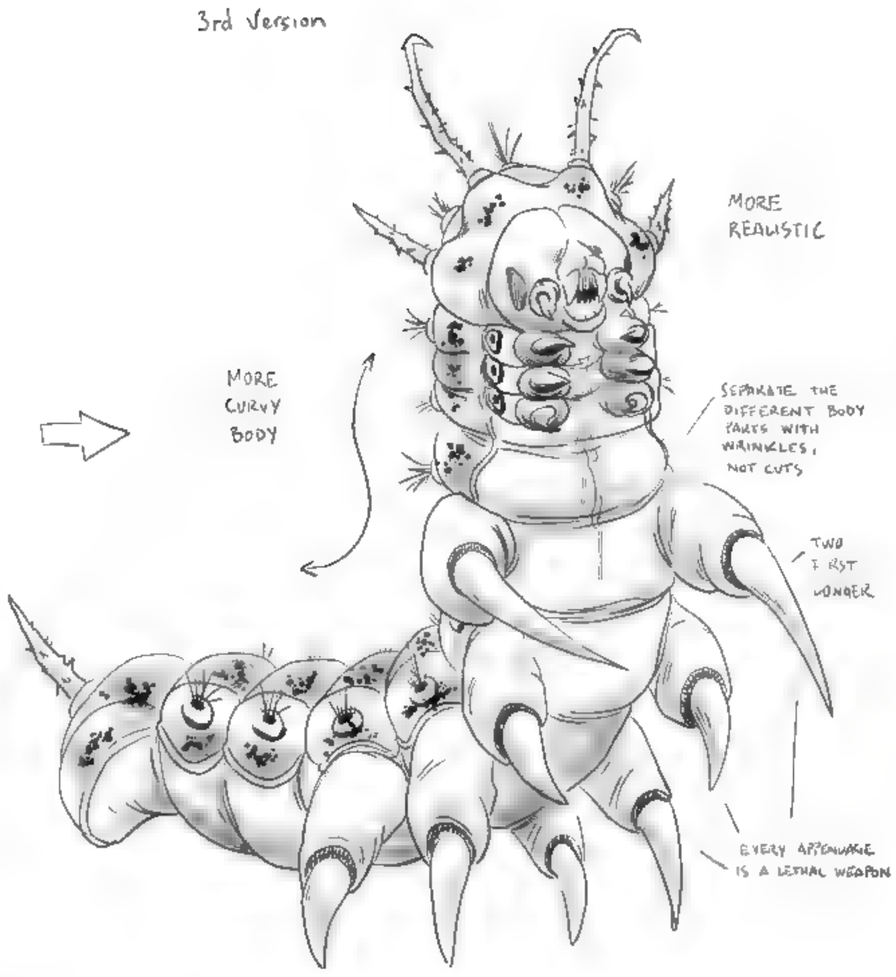
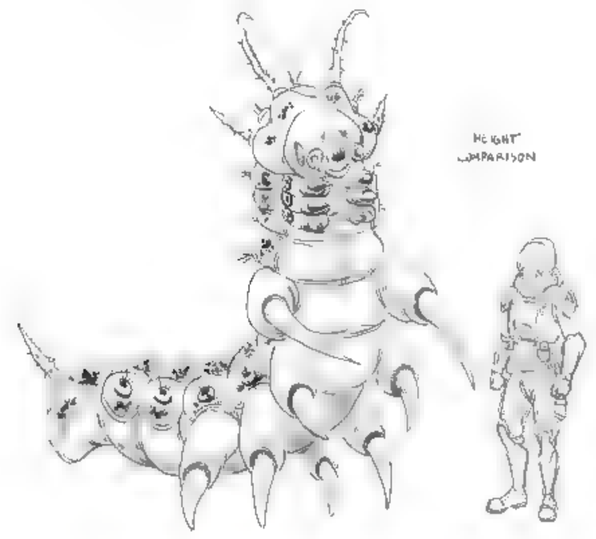

MORE CURVY BODY
MORE REALISTIC
SEPARATE THE DIFFERENT BODY PARTS WITH WRINKLES, NOT CUTS
TWO FIRST LONGER
EVERY APPENDAGE IS A LETHAL WEAPON

CATERPILLAR ALIEN VS HUMAN UNION SOLDIER



UNION SOLDIER

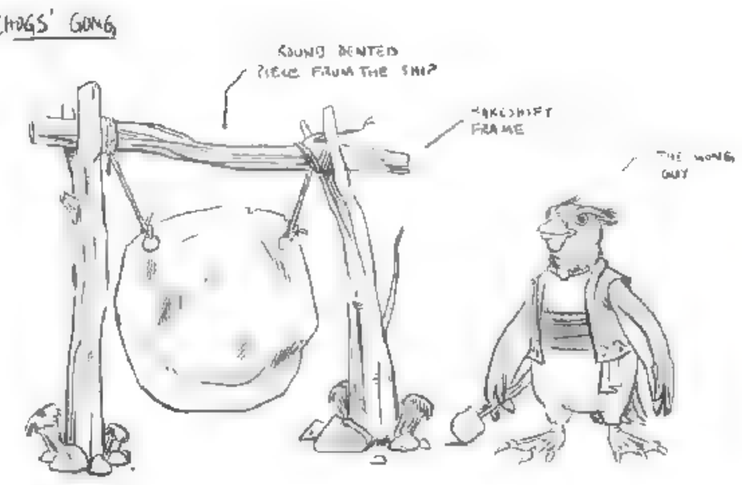
First approach

BULKIER VERSION OF UNION PM-4188
HELMET & BREATHER
RANK
INSIGNIA ON HELMET, SHOULDER PAD & CHEST
THE LINED AREA COULD BE COLORED ACCORDING TO THE RANK (LIEUTENANT ORANGE IN THIS CASE)
RANK

CHOGS DESIGNS v3

THOZ (FRONT)

CHOGS' GONG



THOZ PROFILE

- SHORTER LEGS
- LONGER, FLAT ARMS
- NO SHOES
- NO SHIP PARTS
- MORE REALISTIC
- MORE PRIMITIVE

+ SHORTER EYEBROW FEATHERS

ZED

OTHER CHOGS

CHOGS DESIGNS v3 cont.

COLOR SCHEMES

GRAYISH GREEN (ver from original idea)

JUST A LITTLE BIT LESS FLASHY GREENS AND REDS

BLUE VER

TRIED TO PUT BLUE FEET TOO BUT DIDN'T WORK (TOO MUCH BLUE)

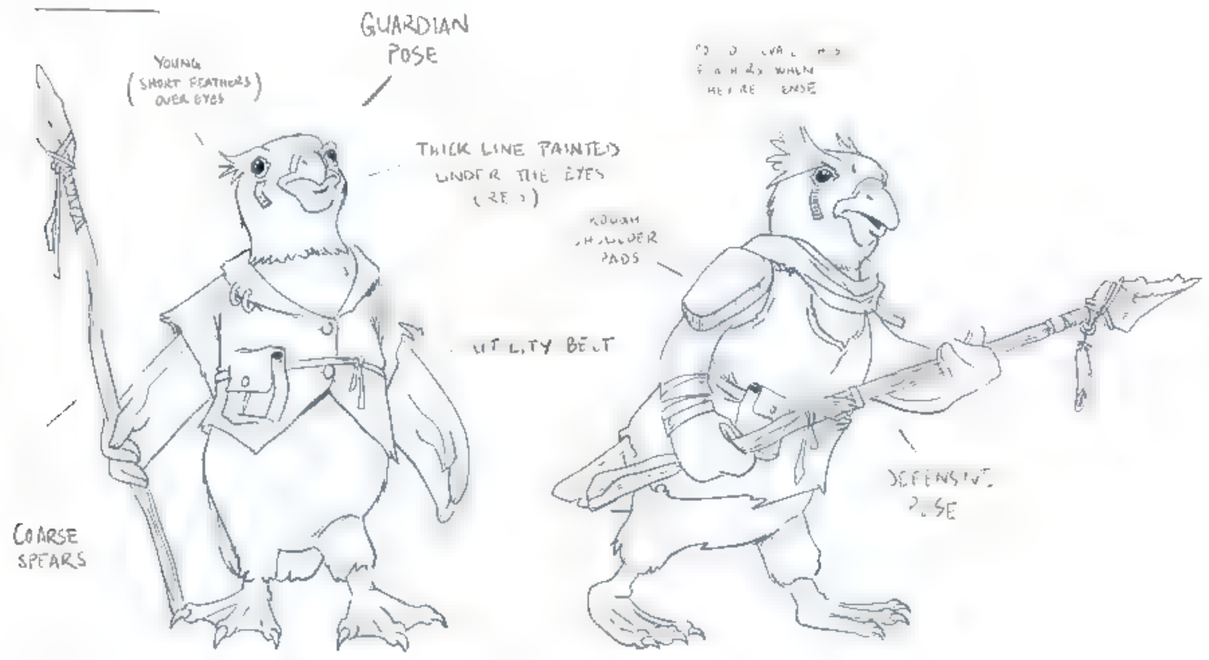
BEIGE/STONE PALETTE VER

KEPT THE REDS THEN MADE THE REST BE ON A SAME SHADES PALETTE

YOUNG

ROP (THE ANCIENT CHOG)

ARMY CHOGS



I COULD INTRODUCE SEVERAL DIFFERENT ARMY CHOGS BY DRAWING:

- COMMON STUFF : SPEARS, PAINTED EYES & UTILITY BELT
- DIFFERENCES : ORNAMENTS, CLOTHES, ARMOR PARTS

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The Orville #7 & #8

NAZH SOLDIERS CONCEPT

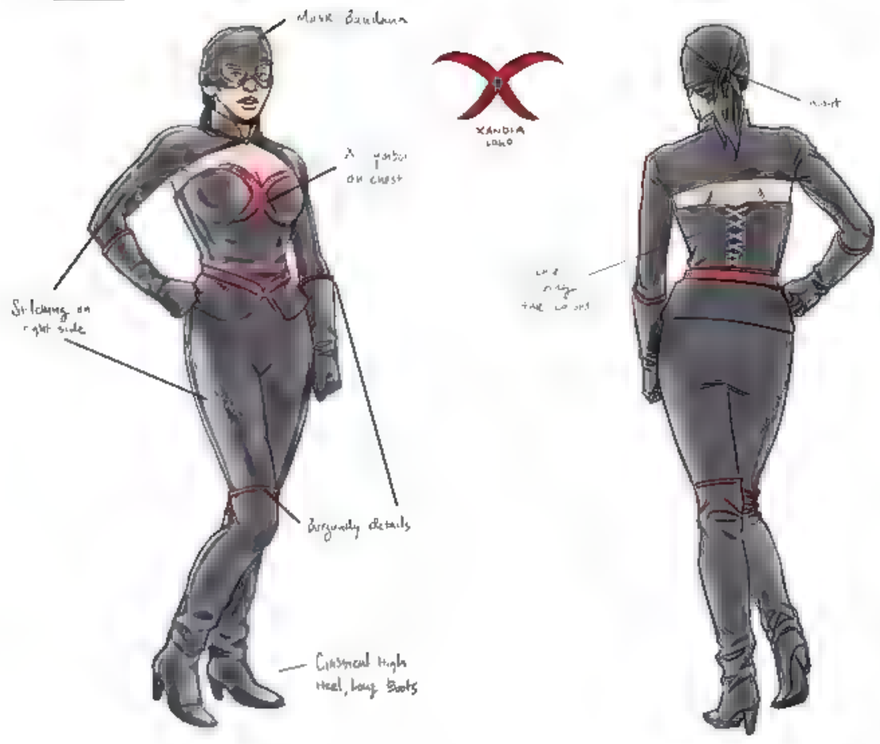
BASE DESIGN
NAZH SOLDIERS CAN BE
A BIT TALLER/SMALLER
STRONGER/THINNER..

The Orville #7 & #8

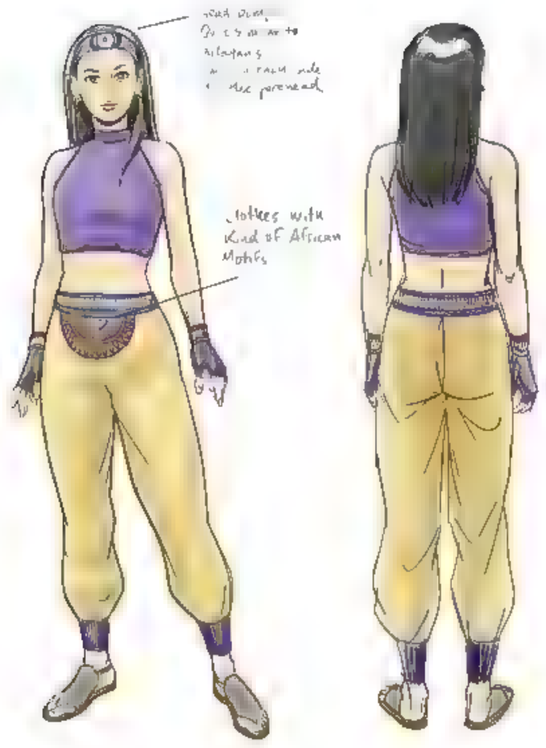
IMS, THE TASKMASTER, NAZH

PALE PURPLE SKIN TONE
RIDGES (2 IN EARS)
NAZH PEOPLE WERE GOLDEN JEWELRY
WHIP
NO HAIR AT ALL (WHOLE BODY)
5 FINGER > LONG POINTY NAILS

'XANDIA'



AKI as a teenager



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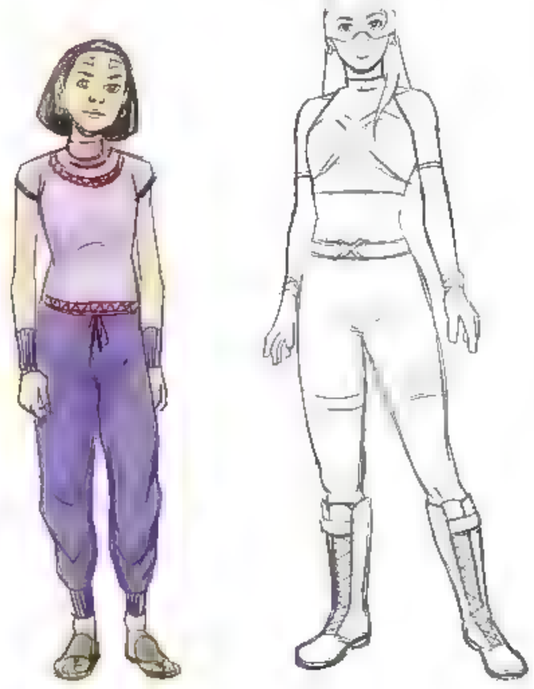

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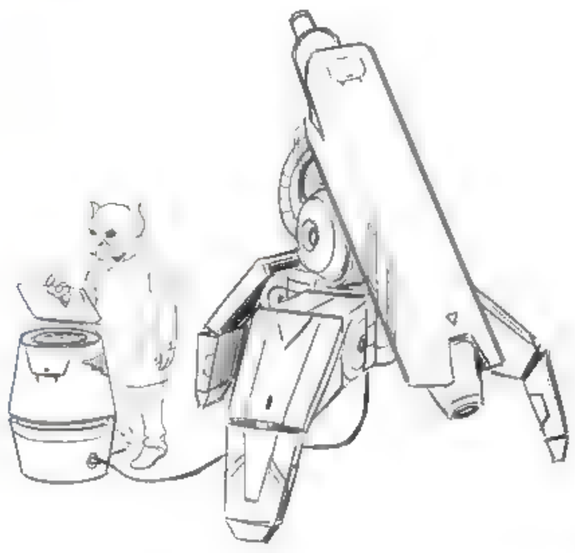
NAZH TRIPOD BEAM DRILL



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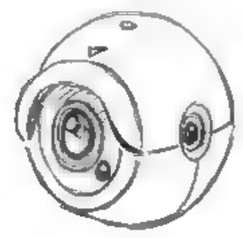
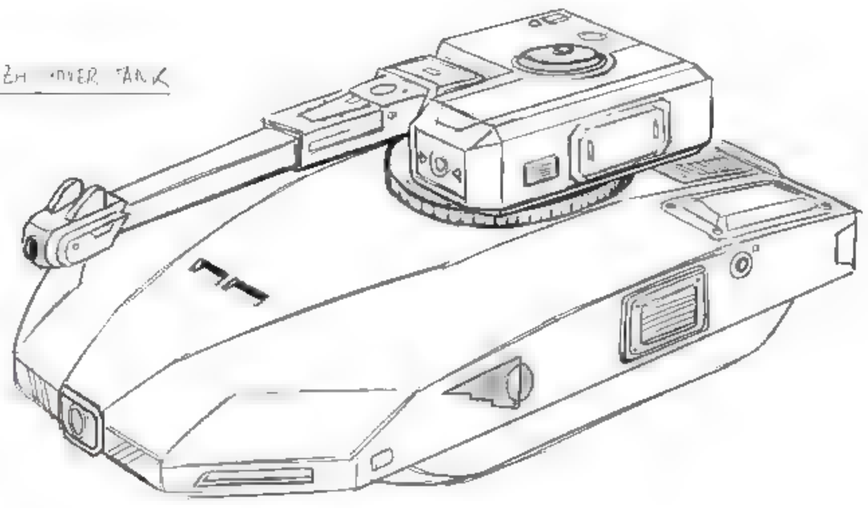
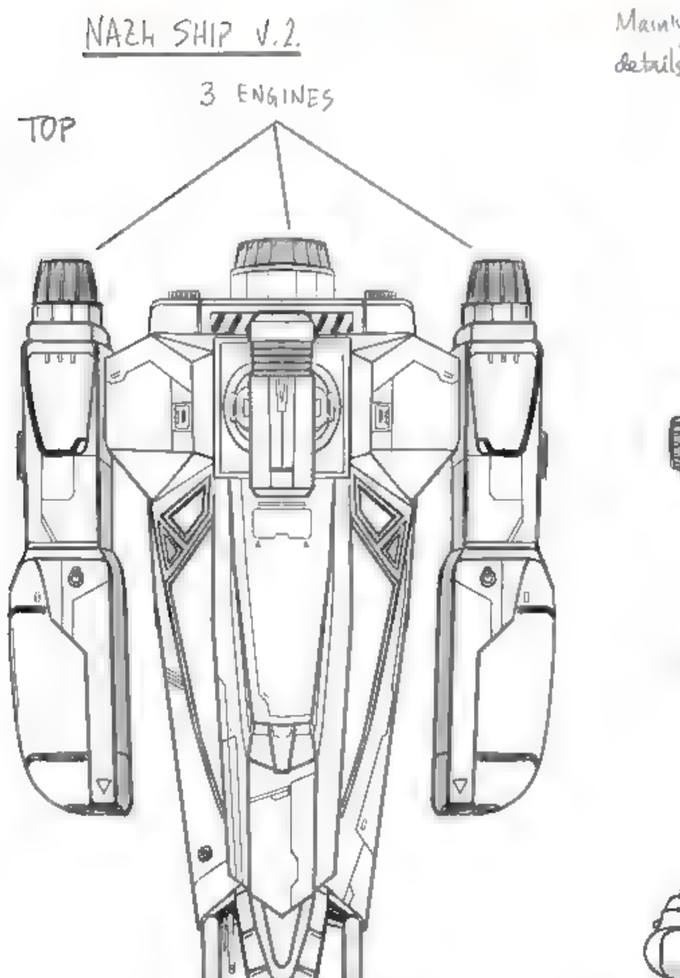


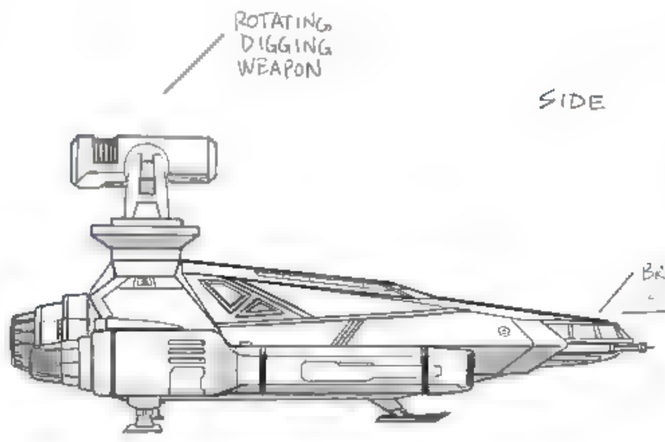
NAZH HOVER TANK

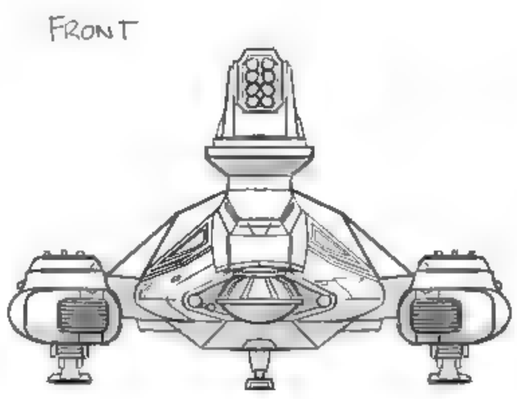


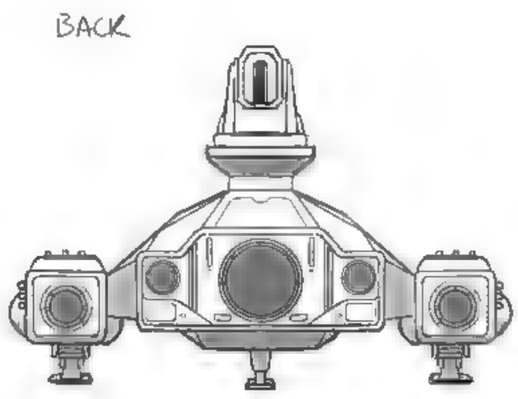
NAZH SHIP V.2.

Mainly in reds, with some details on yellow & white

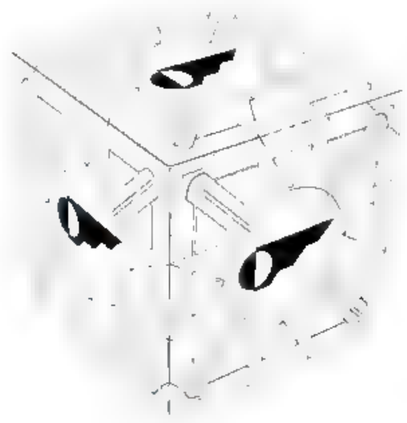








NAZH, DYSONIUM STORAGE BOX



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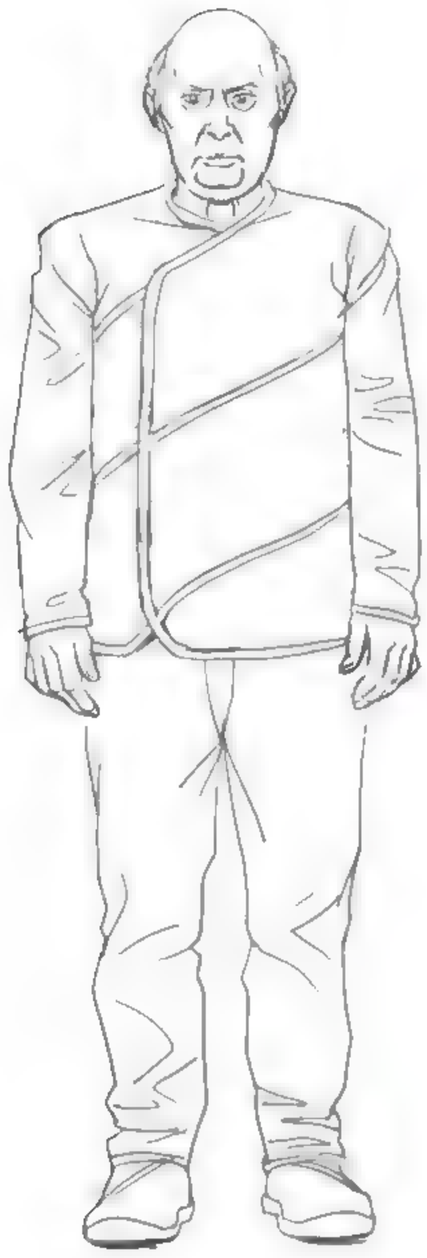
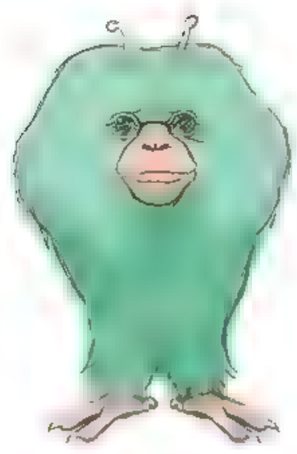


THE ORVILLE ISSUE 11 DESIGNS
CHALMI

- KIND OF APE FACE
- LEGS SIMILAR TO HUMAN ARMS, BUT 3 FINGERED



- FUR TO THE ANKLES
- MORE FEMENINE
- POINTY FINGERS

- SMALLER FACE
- 4 FINGERED
- LESS MONKEY, MORE HUMAN FACE
- ROUNDER BODY

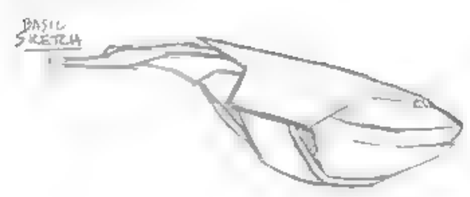
- 4 ANTENNAE
- CAMEL MOUTH
- BIRD LEGGED
- 3 TONES OF GREEN

THE ORVILLE ISSUE 11 DESIGNS
CHALMI

-AS V1 BUT WITH POINTY FINGERS & LITTLE PINK LIPS

-V1 WITH SMALLER FACE FEATURES & LESS EYEBROW VOLUME

ZANKON SHIP V2.3



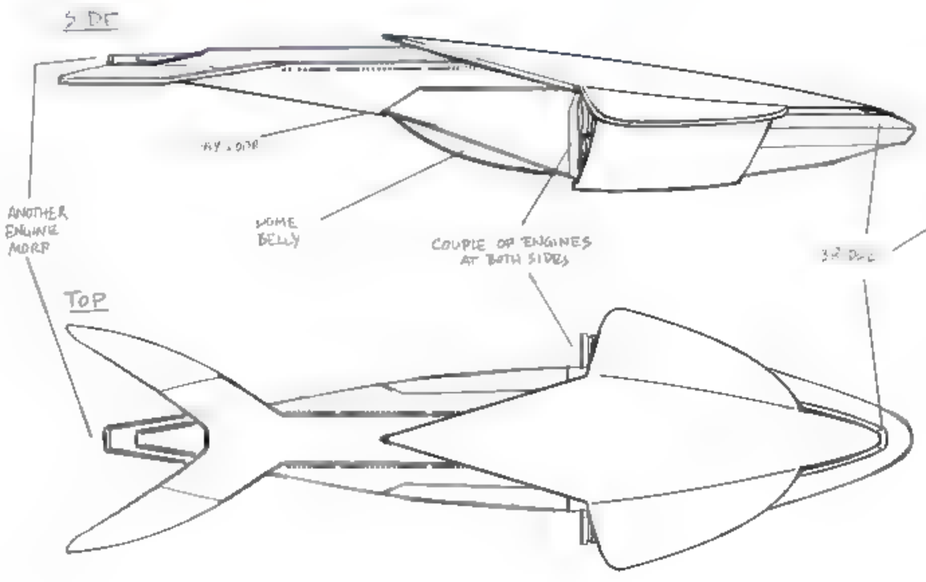
SHUTTLE SKETCHES

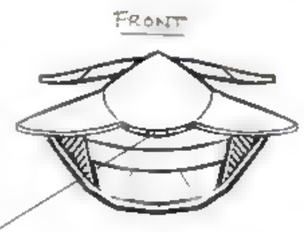
V2
BASED ON FAMILY GUY'S

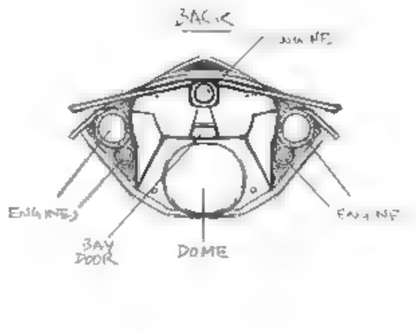
CHALMI WOULD BE INSIDE AN ENERGY SPHERE

V3
MANTA RAY INSPIRED

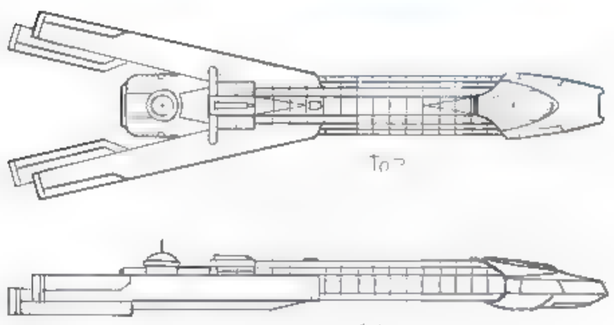
V4
STARFISH BASED

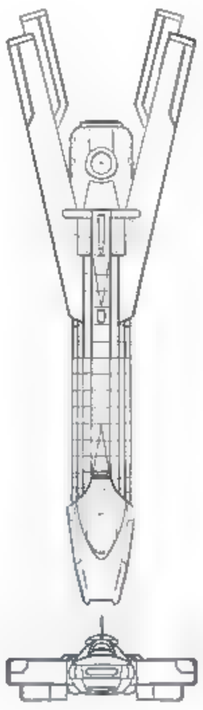






THE ORVILLE ISSUE 11 DESIGNS - ZANKON SHIPS





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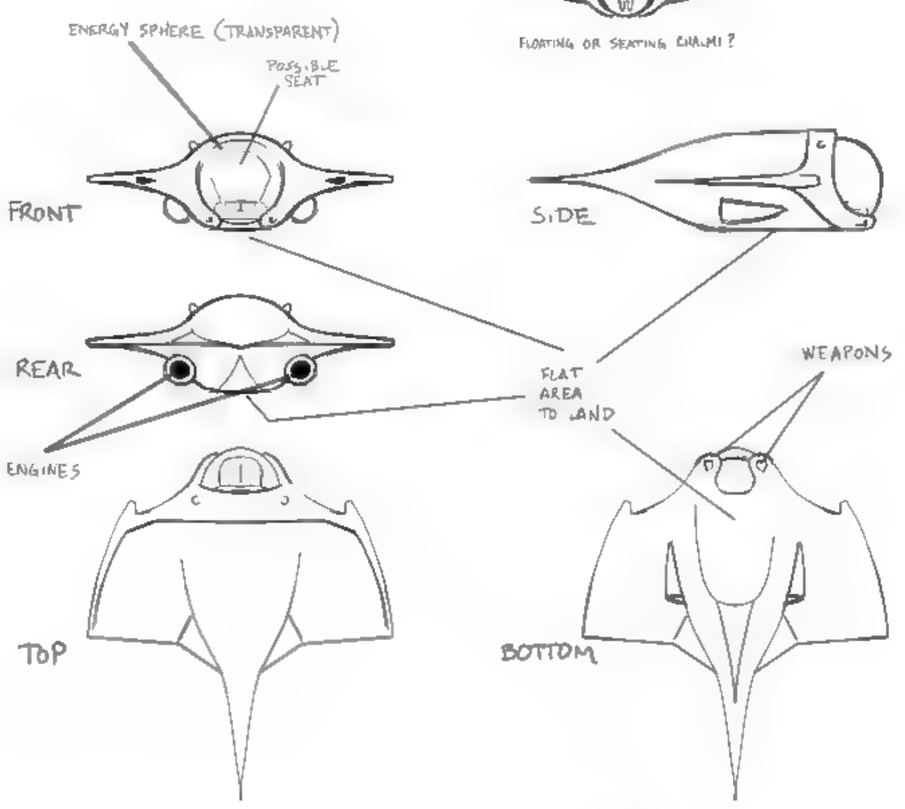
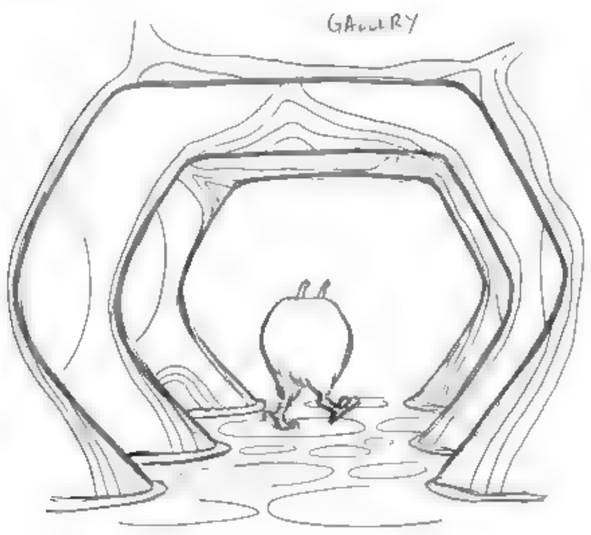
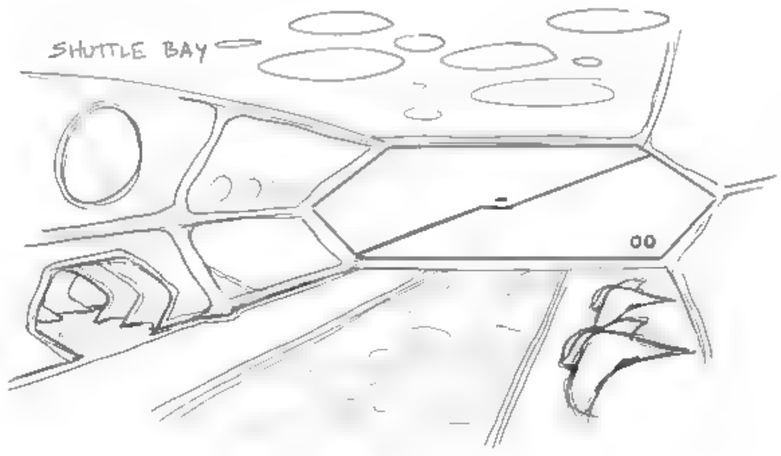
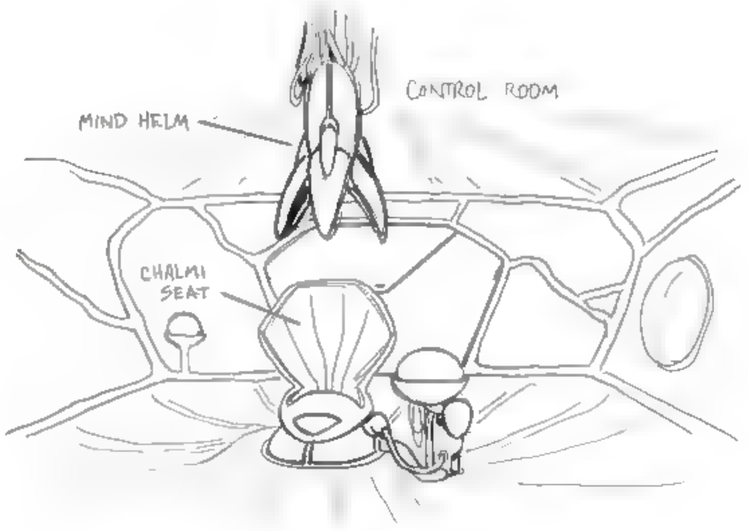


FLOATING OR SEATING CHALMI ?

THE ORVILLE 11
ZANKON SHIP INTERIORS







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